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On Khomeini's orders

Iran political trials halted



Ayatollah Khomeini

they were approved, the Tehran court should suspend all trials.

Provincial courts could continue to put people on trial but no verdicts could be carried out without the approval of the Tehran court.

These would have to conform with the new regulations, the statement added, effectively extending the suspension nationwide. The Tehran court has been the most active so far in handing out death sentences.

The Ayatollah said revolutionary courts were authorized to deal only with counter-revolutionary crimes and could not judge other offences. Sixteen people have been executed since last month's uprising for sexual crimes after secret trials by revolutionary courts.

Bazargan, once chairman of the Iranian Human Rights Defence Committee, criticized the secret trials and executions in a radio speech this week, saying they were a disgrace.

And Iran's chief public prosecutor Friday issued a statement renewing a ban on unauthorized searches and arrests and warning revolutionary guards that even if they were provided with warrants, they had no right to remove valuables or money from people's homes.

The move apparently sought to coordinate actions of various independent bodies which have carried out arrests and searches. Copies of all warrants must be sent to the public prosecutor's office, the statement added.

After a wave of night-time arrests, the prosecutor said that in future all prisons would be instructed not to admit anyone arrested earlier than eight a.m. or later than 6 p.m. And also Friday, American feminist Kate Millett, under threat of expulsion from Iran, held an impromptu press conference in a busy street after being refused permission to talk to journalists in a hotel.

Speaking to a restricted number of correspondents in order not to attract too much attention, she said women fighting for their rights in Iran were taking enormous risks and faced real danger.

Ms. Millett arrived in Iran earlier this month to join the struggle for women's rights.

Ms. Millett announced that a delegation from the International

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bodia over the past three months. Laos, a landlocked country of about three million people, accused China of dispatching troops into its territory last week and planning to overthrow its government, which has strong ties to Vietnam and the Soviet Union.

Some analysts in Bangkok discounted the allegations of Chinese armed incursions as propaganda but knowledgeable Indochina watchers say the Chinese — who have been well entrenched in northern Laos for almost two decades — may well attempt to fuel already existing anti-government insurrections in that country.

Hanoi's latest battle report said Chinese troops destroyed 26 sections of a railway linking the provincial capital of Lang Son with Dong Dang.

Lang Son, less than 20 kilometers from the frontier, was the site of probably the heaviest fighting of the war and lies on the historic gateway and invasion route from China.

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S. Yemen army chief starts talks in Sanaa

BAGHDAD, March 16 (AP) — The South Yemen Army Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Saleh Abu Bak Hussein, arrived for peace talks, Friday in the North Yemeni capital, Sanaa, the official Iraqi news agency (INA) reported.

The journey to North Yemen by the military leader of South Yemen marked a further advance in the reconciliation of the feuding states of the divided country.

Hussein was accompanied by Syrian General Ibrahim Muhammad Younis, the leader of the Arab Military Truce Supervision Committee, appointed by the Arab League, to help in the maintenance of the ceasefire already agreed to by the two Yemens last week.

Lt. Col. Saleh stated on arrival that his government "was eager to end the shedding of Yemeni blood since it is the Yemeni people themselves who will benefit most from this," INA reported.

The South Yemeni chief also praised the Arab League, particularly Iraq, Syria and Jordan, for their efforts to end the fighting, INA added in a dispatch from Sanaa.

The two Yemens engaged in one of their frequent border flareups on Feb. 23. Fighting along the craggy mountainous border continued for nearly three weeks before the peacemaking efforts of the Arab League had an effect.

Carey worried by the development which pitted the North against the South, the United States last week announced urgent steps to rush warplanes and other military equipment worth \$ 400 million to North Yemen.

On Thursday, Two U.S. House of Representatives members urged President Jimmy Carter to let Congress decide whether the weapons sale to North Yemen, is really needed on an emergency basis.

Carter waived Congress' power to veto the sale in 30 days, on grounds the weapons were needed on an emergency basis.

But Rep. Leon Panetta (D., Calif.) introduced a resolution by which the House would formally object to Carter's emergency action and urge the president to give Congress the 30-day review period.

And Rep. Les Aspin (D., Wisc.) said in a floor speech "The emergency is over."

"It appears that all the nations of the Arab League have persuaded North and South Yemen to ceasefire and move towards negotiations for a peace settlement," Aspin said.

"There is no emergency and certainly no longer any reason why

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Soviet Union assails Israeli occupation

UNITED NATIONS, March 16 (R) — The Soviet Union says it would support sanctions against Israel if it failed to comply with Security Council decisions on the occupied territories.

Soviet Representative Oleg Troyanovsky also denounced the projected Egyptian-Israeli agreement during the continuing council debate on the occupied territories.

Troyanovsky said a separate treaty encouraged Israel's expansionist ambitions and just made true peace more difficult to attain.

He discounted the validity of any agreement dealing with the future of the Palestinian people when it is achieved without the participation of their legitimate representatives.

Jamaican Ambassador Donald Mills attacked in his speech Israel's claim of economic benefits achieved for the people of the occupied territories under Israeli occupation.

He urged compliance with long-standing Security Council resolutions demanding Israeli withdrawal from territory occupied in the 1967 war, the right of Palestinians to a national homeland, and establishment of conditions for all states in area to enjoy security, territorial integrity and political independence.

The Soviet Union wholeheartedly supported proposals made by various speakers which called for the council to condemn Israel's policy in the occupied territories and to demand the cessation and rescinding of the "illegal actions which have previously been carried out in these territories."

It also backed calls for the council to set up a special body to see that its decisions were implemented. The Soviet Union was ready to support sanctions against Israel under provisions of the United Nations charter "if there is further non-compliance by Israel with decisions of the Security Council."

Referring to the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations Troyanovsky said that over the past few days we have witnessed the conversion of the Camp David plot into a separate agreement which can only have its result ever more firm entrenchment for Israel of the fruits of its aggression against the Arab states. "The so-called autonomy" on the West Bank and in Gaza was in fact annexation, he said.

He said Israel's occupation policies and expropriation of Arab land posed a "direct and serious threat to international peace and security."

Troyanovsky was one of 11 speakers to address the session, which was then adjourned until Friday afternoon. The council has taken no action on Israeli occupation issue so far, nor has a draft resolution been presented.

Several speakers, however, have endorsed Jordan's proposal that the council send a commission to investigate the situation in the territories.

Troyanovsky accused Israel of

Sadat : Test of peace after signing treaty

would be overcome.

Asked if it was premature to invite Begin to Cairo in view of the complex negotiations on the Palestinians that lay ahead, Sadat responded sharply, saying "not at all, we have no objection."

We are starting a new era completely, and we have no complexes and we have courage and I think I have proved this," Sadat said.

In a related development, a high-level U.S. delegation was heading for the Mideast Friday.

The four-man U.S. delegation and six aides will meet with leaders of Saudi Arabia and Jordan, the White House announced Friday.

The delegation consists of National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Gen. David Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and President Carter's son Chip.

The formal announcement said: "they will consult on regional security issues and the recent agreement between Egypt and Israel. They will also continue the ongoing discussions on matters of bilateral concern."

A White House statement said

the talks "will be held in the spirit of friendship that has long characterized our relations with these two countries."

In Halhoul, on the occupied West Bank, meanwhile, a heavy Israeli military presence enforced calm Friday as memorial services were held for two young Palestinians shot dead by Israelis during a demonstration protesting the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

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years ago and compensation has not been paid.

When plans were announced for settlements to be set up at the sites, the Arab landowners got a temporary injunction to halt construction until the high court could hear the case.

"This is lawful, according to the military law in force in the occupied territory and does not contravene international law, as laid down in The Hague Convention concerning occupied territories," the judges claimed.

They said that whereas the establishment of a settlement, even a civilian settlement, served the military and security requirements of the occupying forces, this did not necessarily imply an intention to deprive forever the landowners of their land.

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As Mecca meeting closes**Ulema view mission to Khomeini**

MECCA, March 16 — Leading scholars from Muslim countries, meeting here over the weekend, considered the despatch of a mission to Iran for talks with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader of the Iranian revolution.

The scholars, meeting for the session of the World Supreme Council of Mosques which opened here Tuesday, also drafted a cable to the Ayatollah.

The council session, which was chaired by Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, head of the Saudi Departments of Fatwa, Islamic Research, Religious Guidance and Propagation, wound up Thursday with cables of thanks to King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd.

In a telegram to the King, the council expressed gratitude for the King's support for Islamic activities in the world, for the Saudi government's "commendable service to Islam and the Muslims."

The council sent a similar telegram to Crown Prince Fahd expressing gratitude for his concern for the council.

Thursday, the council also wound up discussions on the conditions of Muslims in the occupied territories as well as the state of the Aqsa Mosque and the Prophet

Abraham's Mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

Meanwhile in Riyadh, the fourth international World Assembly of Muslim Youth seminar begins at the King Faisal Conference Hall Sunday.

The 10-day seminar will discuss 36 papers on Islam, civilization and the role of Muslim youth

towards coordinating young Muslim activities.

Dr. Abdul Hamid Abu Sulaiman, secretary general of the assembly said that one of the main projects of the seminar was to examine the translations of the meanings of the Holy Koran and to promote translation and distribution of Islamic books.

He added that the seminar has

so far distributed 150,000 volumes in 23 languages to Islamic organizations in 70 countries.

Abu Sulaiman said the assembly was studying programs to improve dissemination of Islam among young people, a proposal for Muslim youth hostels in different parts of the world and a fund to grant interest-free loans for scholarships for Muslim students.

To study projects**Saudi aid specialist tours Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, March 16 (SPA) — The Saudi chairman of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Abdul Mohsin Al-Sudairi, arrived here from New Delhi Wednesday on a three-day visit to Pakistan.

Sudairi is on a tour of Asian countries to examine projects for assistance from the fund, set up by the United Nations to develop agriculture in poor countries.

Sudairi said that IFAD considers Pakistan as an important candidate for aid. The fund would

extend every possible assistance to Pakistan for the development of agricultural resources, he added.

According to Sudairi, the fund's budget for assistance to developing countries has now reached \$1.02 billion. The fund has so far given \$120 million for the development of projects in Asian, African and Latin American countries.

Meanwhile, Acting Rector of King Abdul Aziz University Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif arrived here Thursday leading a delegation of Saudi university professors on a visit to Pakistan.

Nassif said his visit was designed to offer assistance to the Qaid-e-Azam University here in setting up a Sharia college. He hoped Saudi scholars would be able to help further in framing Islamic legislation in Pakistan.

Nassif and his delegation also held a meeting with Pakistan

Minister of Law A.K. Brohi, and discussed matters connected with the proposed Sharia college.

President Zia-ul-Haq is scheduled to receive the delegation Saturday.

Police arrested 400 last month on Medina roads

MEDINA, March 16 — More than 400 persons were arrested here last month, a Traffic Department spokesman told "Al-Jazirah" Thursday.

The spokesman said that the main offences were driving without license, speeding, disregarding one-way streets and running traffic lights.

He added that another 64 drivers were arrested during the first week of this month.

Five persons died and several others were seriously injured Wednesday in a four-car collision, 20 kilometers from Buraidah on the Medina — Riyad road.

Meanwhile, Public Security Chief Gen. Faiz Al-Awfi told "Okaz" Thursday that his division would send a further 100 police officers to Britain for one year's training in traffic control, criminal investigation and narcotics prevention.

Awfi was speaking after a tour of Jeddah police units.

200 Saudis to join health parley

DAMMAM, March 16 (SPA) — More than 200 doctors from Saudi Arabia and medical missions from Europe and the United States will attend the fourth Saudi Medical Conference organized by King Faisal University, the Health Ministry and the Aramco Medical Organization. The three-day conference, which opens at KFU on March 27, will discuss papers over a wide field including hypertension, accident surgery, infertility and cancer. KFU Rector Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahtani said over the weekend.

N. Yemen leader sees envoy

SANAA, March 16 (SPA) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen received Sheikh Tareq Al-Harithi, Saudi ambassador here Thursday. They reviewed the strong fraternal relations subsisting between the two countries.

Jawf governor joins tree-planting

AL-JAWF, March 16 (SPA) — Governor of Al-Jawf Sheikh Abdul Rahman Ahmed Al-Sudairi Thursday took part in the tree-planting drive. The governor addressed the 35 young people who are participating in the week-long campaign.

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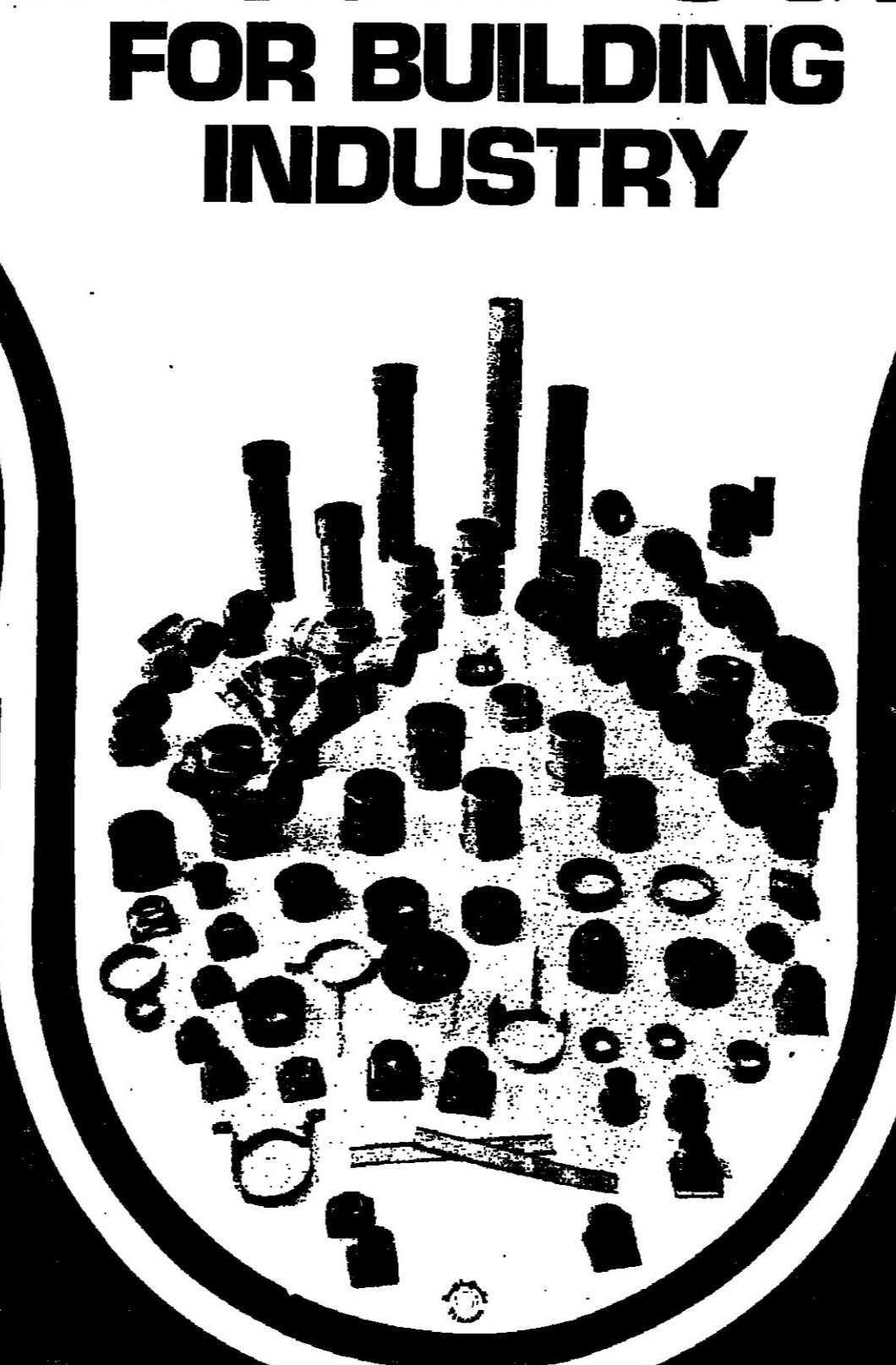
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Cento to be formally ended

ANKARA, March 16 (AP) — Kamran Gurun, secretary-general of the Central Treaty Organization, announced Friday that he was taking steps toward the dissolution of the alliance on the request of the Turkish government.

Cento is a defense pact among Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and Britain but Iran and Pakistan recently resigned. The United States is an associate member.

Gurun, a Turkish career diplomat, said he will soon issue invitations to the member countries to attend a foreign minister-level council meeting to discuss and act upon the Turkish request.

In a cabinet session Thursday, the Turkish government decided that Cento's function had effectively come to an end with both Pakistan and Iran declaring their intention of withdrawing from the alliance.

Gurun pointed out that Turkey's dissolution request was different in nature from Pakistan's notification for withdrawal, undertaken according to the provisions of the existing treaty.

He said if the member countries supported the Turkish request in the planned meeting, the alliance could be terminated before the expiration date of the treaty in April 1980.

Iran has announced its plans to withdraw from the alliance but no official notification has been received, Gurun said.

The time and place of the council meeting would be decided after consultations.

Iranian ayatollah urges Islamic aid to Afghans

QOM, March 16 (AP) — Ayatollah Sharifmadari, a moderate religious leader, has called on Islamic nations to assist Muslims in neighboring Afghanistan to fight their Communist regime.

He claimed that he had information that 170 Afghani religious leaders and other prominent figures have been killed and at least 500 arrested.



Only refugees helped, statement says

Zia denies aiding Kabul rebels

ISLAMABAD, March 16 (R) — Pakistan has denied reports that Afghan refugees were receiving guerrilla training inside its territory and said about 35,000 refugees had been given asylum "solely on humanitarian grounds."

A government statement Thursday said the refugees had been given food and shelter only within the government's limited resources, since aid offers from various international agencies had been declined.

Denying that there were Afghan guerrilla bases in Pakistan, the government said it hoped

western news media would refrain from "tendentious reporting of the refugee problem."

Afghan refugees began pouring into Pakistan soon after last April's bloody coup in Kabul which installed the pro-Communist government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki.

Three right-wing dissident groups have recently announced a joint campaign against the Taraki government.

In Karachi, Ghias Bux Bizenjo, former governor of Baluchistan province bordering Iran, said Thursday he took exception to the use of Pakistani soil by refugees for action against the Afghan revolutionary Government.

He said the refugees were conducting in subversive activities against Afghanistan.

These activities could poison relations between two neighboring countries and endanger the security of Pakistan's borders, he said.

Iraq, Soviets stress ties are friendly

BAGHDAD, March 16 (R) — Iraq and the Soviet Union Friday stressed friendly relations between them.

Cables were exchanged by Saddam Hussein, vice-chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, and Premier Alexei Kosygin, marking the 20th anniversary of the first agreement of economic and technical cooperation between the two countries in 1959.

The exchange came as relations are cool between the pro-Moscow Iraqi Communist Party and the Ruling Arab Baath Party.

Turkish Cypriots agree to negotiate in New York

ANKARA, March 16 (AP) — The self-proclaimed Turkish Cypriot federated state is willing to send its representative to New York for consultations with the Cypriot Foreign Minister and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in an effort to restart deadlocked intercommunal peace negotiations. Rauf Denktash, leader of the Turkish Cypriot community, declared here Friday.

Before his departure from Ankara at the end of a four-day visit, Denktash said he was also willing to meet with President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus.

But, he charged, Greek Cypriots appeared reluctant to return to the conference table "because they were hoping for an economic collapse of the Turkish sector of the island."

Nabatiyeh shelled by Israeli gunners

BEIRUT, March 16 (R) — Israeli gunners Thursday night shelled Palestinian commandos and their allies in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh, the Palestine News Agency Wafa said.

The agency, quoting a Palestinian military spokesman, said the Israelis were backed by right-wing Lebanese militias.

The shelling lasted for more than four hours, Wafa said but gave no details of any casualties.

Two days ago, the U.N. Interim Force (UNIFIL) succeeded in arranging a ceasefire in South Lebanon between the rightist militia and Israeli troops on the one hand and Palestinian commandos and their leftist allies on

the other. This followed two days of artillery duels.

Meanwhile, West Beirut Friday marked the second anniversary of the assassination of Kamal Jumblatt, founder of the Progressive Socialist Party.

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Beyond all doubt, official team says

Inquiry finds Belfast police brutality

LONDON, March 16 (R)—An official British inquiry, headed by a senior judge, reported Friday that there had been instances of brutality against guerrilla suspects in Northern Ireland.

The investigation determined that there were cases where medical evidence indicated injuries sustained during detention were not self-inflicted.

"This is indicated beyond all

doubt by the nature, severity, sites and number of separate injuries in one person," the report said. "An example would be hemorrhage into the eye, a swollen nose, a cut lip and multiple bruises on various

parts of the body, all in one prisoner."

The inquiry, headed by a judge, Harry Bennett, said there were other cases where complaints of physical ill-treatment during interrogation were clearly fabricated and others where the injuries were undoubtedly self-inflicted.

The three-man inquiry team, which included a former police chief inspector and a professor of clinical neurology at London University, was appointed by the government last year after charges of brutality brought by Amnesty International, the London-based human rights group.

Controversy was further aroused by allegations during the past week by a police surgeon, Dr. Robert Irwin, that over three years he had examined some 150 terrorist suspects from the Castlereagh interrogation center outside Belfast who he said had been beaten up by detainees.

Britain's Northern Ireland Office complained that the television program, in which Irwin made his charges was predictably one-sided saying it did not touch on the violations of human rights embodied in murders, tortures, "knee-cappings," bombings and maimings carried out by the Provisional Irish Republican Army.

Sources reported the committee recommended several major changes in police procedure to prevent abuses and safeguard suspects held at Castlereagh, including greater access by their lawyers and closed-circuit television monitoring of interrogations.



BELGIUM: Police keep a group of Flemish-speaking protesters in de Voeren in the northeast of Belgium away from 3,000 French-speaking people recently. The two communities are at odds over the Flemish or French speaking status of the area. (AP photo).

IRA prisoners

Newsmen see Maze protestors

BELFAST. March 16 (AP) — Reporters have been admitted for the first time to the Maze Prison, where 375 Irish Republican Army guerrillas live in self-inflicted degradation — naked, bearded and unwashed — to protest being treated as common criminals.

The prisoners, called "men on the blanket" because they wear only blankets, are trying to force the government to give them back political prisoner status, which was abolished March 1, 1976.

During the tour Thursday, prisoners screamed insults and slogans and gestured obscenely through the barred windows of

their filthy cells. They shouted "long live the IRA" and "we are winning," and emptied chamber pots under cell doors.

Several hundred inmates of the Maze have refused for more than a year to wash or use lavatories, smeared their own excreta over cell walls and floors, rejected prison garb and dressed only in blankets.

The government insists the prisoners are common criminals, jailed for offenses ranging from murder to illegal possession of guns.

"Conceding that they committed political crimes would mean they could eventually seek amnesty if the Northern Ireland conflict ended. It would be like giving freedom to every person in the streets to go out and blaze away," said Britain's Northern Ireland Office.

But 572 other prisoners in the Maze have political prisoner status because they were imprisoned before the special classification was ended. They are allowed to live in groups divided by religion and wear their own clothes.

After his visit to the Maze, Peter Martin, Belfast bureau chief for the Irish newspaper "The Cork Examiner," said reporters were not allowed to talk with prisoners. So, "in all fairness I couldn't get any impression about the allegations of brutality made by prisoners against prison officers. The government seemed to go out of its way to show that despite the protest they are trying to handle the prisoners in a humanitarian way."

Prison officials said allowing the prisoners to be interviewed would further IRA propaganda. Reporter Ian Graham said, "the hospital doctor told us that the prisoners were not falling ill from their actions because they are not mixing. They are living with their own bugs."

The doctor also said the prison staff has, on occasion, forcibly cut the prisoners' hair and defouled them.

Graham, chief reporter in Belfast for the British Press Association, wrote: "The stench hits us at the door. Inside the solid wooden door and heavy iron security gates, the air hung heavy with the pungent smell of human feces.

The 375 convicted men, including 12 Loyalists (Protestants) who refuse to wear prison clothing but who do wash, have created atrocious conditions for themselves."

Grenada rulers strengthen hold

NEW YORK, March 16 (R)—Grenada's coup leaders have quietly taken over the island's United Nations mission, tourist office and consulate general in New York.

All three are housed in the same office and staffed by the same people.

Kenrick Radix, co-leader of the bloodless takeover that deposed Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy, Thursday strolled into the New York office at lunchtime and said no one would be sacked.

The staff, harried by days of answering telephone calls asking about the coup on the spice island of 100,000 people, agreed to switch their allegiance from Sir Eric to the new government of Maurice Bishop.

Radix later left for Washington for talks at the State Department, which has not yet recognised the new government, and with black members of the United States Congress.

He promised to be back in New York for a news conference at which he would reveal his government's plans for Sir Eric, who is staying in a New York hotel suite claiming that he is still leader of Grenada, despite what the coup leaders say.

A well-informed source said that Sir Eric spent Wednesday night trying to convince the British, American and Canadian governments to come to his aid.

The Canadians and the Americans apparently turned him down, and that the British remained silent on his pleas.

Sir Eric also issued a two-page statement denouncing the New Jewel Movement, which overthrew his government, as a bunch of "terrorists" and said that the movement should not "delude itself that Grenada will remain silent under gunpoint."

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Off Nova Scotia

British oil tanker smashed

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia March 16 (AP) — The British oil tanker Kurdistan broke up in heavy seas in the Cabot Strait about 44 miles north of North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Thursday night, authorities said.

The 32,531-deadweight-ton Kurdistan was carrying 29,662 barrels of bunker C oil when it split in half, said Reg Towers, spokesman for the Nova Scotia transport Department.

The ship first reported to rescue officials Thursday afternoon that was breaking up.

A Canadian Forces helicopter safely plucked a lone crew member from the shattered hulk early Friday.

A spokesman for the Search and Rescue Center in Halifax said a man was being ferried ashore and was to be taken to a hospital. It was not known why the man decided to remain aboard after the 40 members of the crew abandoned ship in two rubber lifeboats Thursday night. All were safely rescued by the Canadian coast Guard icebreaker Sir Wilfrid Alexander.

A Rescue Center spokesman said both halves of the tanker were lost in the strait, which separates Cape Breton Island from Newfoundland. Earlier reports had said the bow had sunk but the stern was afloat.

The rescue helicopter succeeded in its second attempt to save a basket to the man who

remained aboard the stern section of the vessel. High seas and stiff winds thwarted the first attempt.

According to Lloyd's Register of Ships, the Kurdistan's port of registry is Newcastle, England, and is owned by Nile S.S. Co. Ltd.

The ship was en route from Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, to Sept-Îles, Quebec.

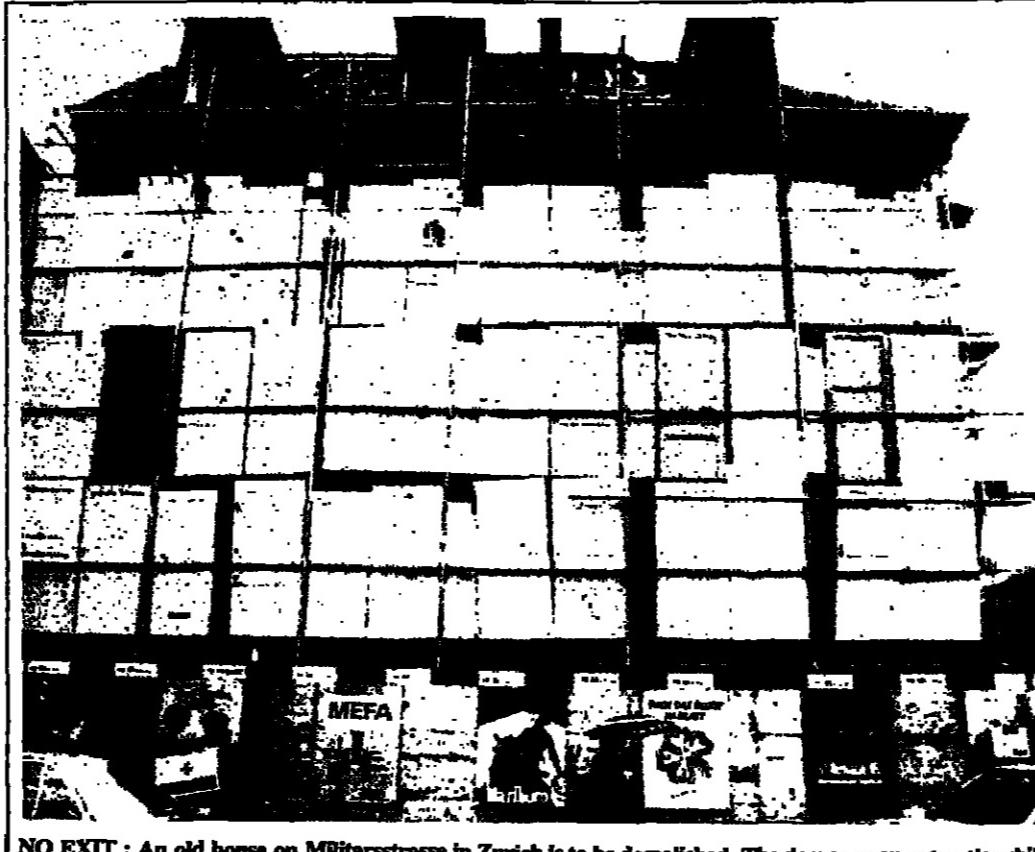
By early afternoon the ship's captain reported his ship was splitting on both sides next to number three storage tank, Towers said. The split was said to be about two meters long and about three centimeters wide, running up the side of the vessel.

China approves offices for U.S. news agencies

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP) — The government of the People's Republic of China has approved the opening of permanent Associated Press and United Press International offices in Peking, No. American news agency has had a bureau in China since 1949.

The announcement follows establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the United States and China on Jan. 7.

A telegram from the Chinese Foreign Ministry received in New York in Thursday authorized assignment of two reporters to the AP Peking bureau.



NO EXIT: An old house on Militärstrasse in Zurich is to be demolished. The doors are on a trestle while the interior is gutted.

Hearing set for March 26

U.S. judge extends ban on bomb story

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. March 16 (R) — A federal judge has extended an ordinance temporarily banning a magazine from publishing an article the U.S. government says is a recipe for a hydrogen bomb.

Judge Robert Warren Thursday postponed until March 26 a hearing originally scheduled for Friday on a government motion for an injunction to ban the article indefinitely.

The government Thursday filed

statements with the court from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Defense Secretary Harold Brown saying that publication of the article would help other nations develop nuclear weapons.

Concorde narrowly misses small plane over N.Y. terminal

NEW YORK, March 16 (R) — A British Airways Concorde came very close to colliding with a small aircraft near Kennedy Airport Thursday, the airliner's pilot said.

It was believed to be the first report of a Concorde being involved in a near miss incident.

The Concorde pilot said he passed within 300 yards of a single-engine plane as he prepared to land at Kennedy after a flight from London.

There were 66 passengers aboard the Concorde flight 173.

A formal complaint was filed with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) by the pilot who said he passed the plane at a height of 4,000 feet and about 23 miles east of Kennedy.

The Concorde was estimated to have been travelling at about 130 knots at the time the two planes passed each other.

FAA officials said that if the 300-yard figure was correct, it could be classified as a near miss.

But they said the pilot of the smaller craft was within his lawful airspace and that his position had been reported by radio to the Concorde.

"It was the pilot's responsibility

to steer clear of the other plane," the FAA spokesman said.

According to the airline, the Concorde said the Cessna saw the Concorde and was sitting back admiring it, on a "lovely clear day."

In the worst air disaster in U.S. history, 144 people were killed last September in a mid-air collision over San Diego between an airliner and a single-engined private plane.

Yale announces breakthrough in diabetes study

NEW HAVEN, Conn. March 16 (AP) — A breakthrough in the quest for an artificial pancreas has opened the way for new research into why diabetics often suffer blindness and kidney failure, according to Yale University researchers. The scientists said on Thursday that they developed a system using a pump, worn on a belt, that apparently stabilizes a diabetic's blood-sugar level with continuous infusions of life-protecting insulin.

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WHAT PEACE ?

Someone once described happiness as the ratio of achievements to aspirations. Under this definition the Arab world must be a very unhappy place indeed.

At the outset of President Anwar Sadat's peace offensive 16 months ago, many Arabs—in varying degrees of frankness—hoped that the Egyptian leader would succeed in bringing to an end the bitter hatred and violence that have plagued the area in the last three decades. The Arabs—without exception—would like to see peace return to an area that is in desperate need of it, and would like to see the huge sums of money that go into maintaining existing war machines serve the staggering development needs of the area. The proposed peace treaty between Egypt and Israel makes that dream more distant than ever.

What do the Arabs hope for?

The Palestinians have consistently maintained that the peace they want must be based on the establishment of an independent state and the restoration of the right to live as a free and independent people. The self-rule envisaged by the treaty does little to satisfy those aims, and to expect any Palestinian to accept the plan is naive at best. Another thorny Palestinian issue neatly ignored is the question of repatriation. Israeli leaders have gone on record in denying the Palestinians living abroad the right to return to their own country.

Syria and Jordan, who together with Egypt bore the brunt of Israel's adventurism, also want the restoration of Palestinian rights and the return of occupied territories lost in the 1967 war. Now described as warmongers by the Americans and Israel, the two northern Arab neighbors are probably in the greatest need of peace considering their meager resources and the resulting strain of maintaining war economies. Confrontation states want peace more than anybody else, but the peace they seek must be a just and permanent one. The Egyptian-Israeli treaty lacks the ingredients to convince them of the merits of joining in.

Lebanon, although never directly involved in the Arab-Israeli wars, has suffered more than most from the ongoing conflict, and the upcoming treaty promises further suffering. Israel has kept its "war option" open through its direct involvement in the Lebanese conflict, and if fears of Israeli intentions to "punish" Syria prove founded, Lebanon will be the most likely ground for Israel's "punishment."

The rest of the Arab world and the "support states"—in addition to their desire for the return of occupied territories, particularly Jerusalem—have for long financed the Arab war effort and have provided Palestinians and other Arab victims of the conflict with refuge and employment even when that was difficult. Again the treaty fails to promise any changes, and their lack of enthusiasm is hardly surprising.

We can only hope that the situation is not beyond repair, and that the region will be spared the looming tragedy.

Korean dialogue

By Mark Murray

TOKYO —

The staging of U.S.-South Korea war games involving 140,000 troops just when North and South Korea have resumed their long-stalled dialogue is a fair indication of what Washington and Seoul think about peace prospects on the divided Korean peninsula.

In fact, the "Team Spirit '79" exercise between March 1 and 17 is an annual series begun four years ago to strengthen cooperation between the two armed services.

Unfortunately, it has coincided with the totally unexpected resumption of North-South talks on reunification—even though these already are heavy on propaganda and light of substance.

But the fact that the war game planners didn't consider it worthwhile altering their long-arranged plans shows that the two feel that North Korea has yet to prove its sincerity at the conference table.

In fact, "Team Spirit '79" was arranged well south of the sensitive Demilitarized Zone and, according to officials, was a purely defensive training exercise designed to facilitate combined operations (including deployment of American land, sea and air forces from outside Korea) in the event of a new invasion of the South.

The Koreans provided 100,000 men and the Americans the remaining 40,000, including part of the Hawaii-based 25th Army Division, a missile battalion from Oklahoma. Marines from the Japanese island of Okinawa and Navy and Air Force fighter squadrons.

The exercise was held against the backdrop of a sudden upward revision of the potential military threat posed by North Korea.

P'yongyang's army, eternally poised for a drive south through the heavily-guarded DMZ, is now said to total 600,000 men, against the previously accepted figure of

430,000. It also apparently has 550 tanks more than was thought.

U.S. intelligence re-assessment of various sources of information led to the upward revision, which persuaded President Carter to suspend for the time being planned withdrawals of U.S. forces from Korea.

Some sources, in fact, believe the sudden discovery of tens of thousands of extra North Korean troops in a godsend to the president, enabling him to get out gracefully of a controversial campaign promise to pull virtually all of America's 40,000 military personnel out of the North Asian front line.

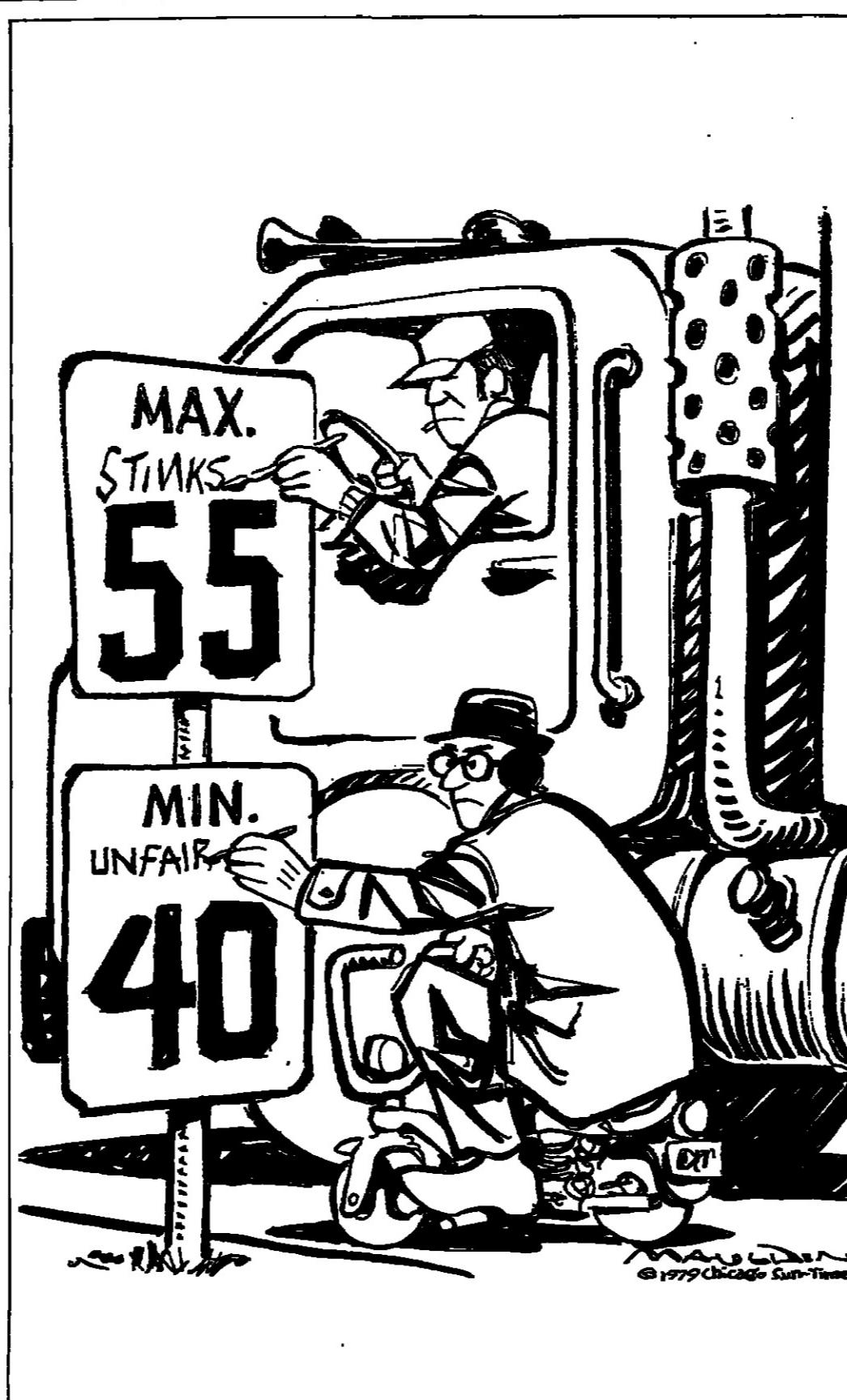
There have been continuous rumblings in the U.S. General Staff as well as among allies—notably the Japanese who are ultra-sensitive to any signs of weakening U.S. resolve.

This is particularly applicable now with the Soviet strategic challenge growing daily in the northern Pacific, Southeast Asian waters and the Indian Ocean.

Obviously, the 32,000 Americans still left in Korea could not do much to stop an all-out Northern invasion. But they are important nevertheless, carrying with them the virtual cast-iron promise that, in the event of a new Korean war, the United States will be fully committed militarily from the very beginning.

The North Korean Defense Ministry indignantly accused the U.S. and South Korea of an "intolerable challenge and insult" in snubbing a P'yongyang proposal to end all hostile military actions on both sides of the DMZ, including war games, by March 1.

Still, the outlook may not be all bleak. Ping-pong diplomacy, which did so much for the U.S. and China, may also lead to a thaw in Korea. A Southern team is scheduled to play in the World Table Tennis Championships in P'yongyang at the end of April and, in fact, the two countries have discussed the idea of a joint team. (OFNS)



Soviet-Indian relations

By Gene Kramer

NEW DELHI —

Alexei Kosygin wore his familiar frown when he arrived on an official visit to India last week and—perhaps symbolically—was all smiles at his departure six days later.

Kosygin must have left India well satisfied if, as diplomats were saying, he wanted assurances that Moscow's three-decade friendship with India was still strong.

The 75-year-old Communist leader said just before boarding his jet for Moscow that he had been able to confirm the "mutual respect, confidence and trust" between India and the Soviet Union.

"We have agreed more than anybody else could," Prime Minister Morarji Desai told reporters.

Western diplomats here seem ready to take at face value the principals' statement that Indo-Soviet relations are alive and well.

"In times of stress, it is natural for India to feel comfortable" in its traditional embrace with Moscow, said one observer who has followed the situation for years.

The current stress was brought by a series of recent developments reinforcing India's need for continued cozy ties with the Soviet Union.

These were the instillation of a pro-Soviet regime in nearby Tarapur, near Bombay, have prompted India to talk of turning to new sources if the 1963 Indo-U.S. fuel supply agreement is broken. The Soviet Union is mentioned as a potential source.

The joint communiqué concluding Kosygin's visit found "great significance in the development of

Indo-Soviet cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy."

The supply of American uranium is threatened by the new U.S. Nuclear Proliferation Act forbidding shipments to countries such as India that refuse to open their entire nuclear programs to international inspection.

Desai says this is discriminatory. The Soviet Union reserves the right to inspect projects it supports but not a country's entire nuclear program.

The Indians say that relations are better with the United States and certainly no worse with the Soviet Union.

Moscow is given high marks for adjusting to a relationship in which India needs to get more recognition. Thus, the Indian side is welcoming the new 10-to-15 year economic agreement signed by Kosygin as giving "new dimensions" to ties that both countries desire to promote.

Local officials said the pact promotes Indian self-reliance by providing for factories to be paid for by part of the production. It differs from aid from other sources in which India "is left on its own to repay," one said.

Troubles over the supply of American nuclear fuel for the U.S.-built atomic power station at Tarapur, near Bombay, have prompted India to talk of turning to new sources if the 1963 Indo-U.S. fuel supply agreement is broken. The Soviet Union is mentioned as a potential source.

Indian officials listened without embarrassment while Kosygin in speech after speech called China a criminal aggressor. Experts now say normalization between India and China has suffered a major setback. (AP)

saudi press review

"Al-Nadwa" said that the treaty between Israel and Egypt is not going to bring real peace to the region and the Arabs have a right to denounce it.

The newspaper called for the implementation of the Baghdad summit resolutions and taking whatever action was necessary "to put an end to the treaty's expected repercussions on Arab rights and interests."

"Al-Jezirah" said that the proposed treaty "poses great danger to the Arabs."

"It isolates the Egyptian armed forces and allows Israel to deploy most of its forces along the frontier with Syria and Jordan. With increased American military assistance, Israel will possess a powerful force with Sinai perhaps forming a new protective depth. Another challenge lies in increased military spending by the Arab states which must now gear for a war economy. The third challenge will come in the form of a diplomatic

offensive against the other states portraying them as warmongers."

The paper called on the Baghdad summit states to adopt a new political strategy to explain their viewpoint and win more friends for Arab rights.

Commenting on the recently held conference of Arab health ministers, "Okaz" said the shortage of skilled manpower will slow down the development of good medical services.

"According to recent statistics, the shortage in the Arab world amounts to 58 per cent. Although some progress has been made in increased training facilities, Arab countries are producing more junior assistants than doctors," the paper said. It cited the example of the western region in Saudi Arabia where there are 3,600 Saudis and 2,500 expatriates in the medical services. "At the same time there are 5,000 vacancies." The paper welcomed the resolution

of the conference to increase the emoluments of medical staffers to attract more applicants.

"While the situation in Iran, and the war between the two Yemens stole the limelight from Lebanon, the problem there remains to defy a reasonable solution," according to "Al-Medina."

The paper said the Arab states "have done their best for Lebanon, through aid, reconstruction assistance, through the Arab Deterrent Force and in various attempts to bring peace to that embattled country. But it is the Lebanese themselves who can solve the problem. Their quarrels have already allowed Israel to enter the country, control the Hasbani river, occupy part of their territory and recruit sons of Lebanese to betray their country like the renegade officer Saad Haddad and his mercenaries. The United Nations forces seem disabled and prefer to watch the situation from

Separate Mideast peace

By Dr. Hisham Sharabi
Special to Arab News

(Editor's Note: Dr. Sharabi, a Palestinian-American scholar, is President of the National Association of Arab Americans.)

WASHINGTON —

As President Carter's bold "gambit" to sign a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt winds its way to what seems an assured outcome, it becomes increasingly clear that fears generated at the beginning of his trip seem in retrospect exaggerated, if not altogether contrived. The gnawing unease, during the first days, fostered by the media and to some extent by Carter himself, served to enhance the sense of drama and to underscore the risk of failure and simultaneously the eventual triumph—a repeat performance of the dramatic last days of Camp David 1.

But while the dazzled public agonized with the media commentators over the grave risks the president was taking, there were some observers, including some knowledgeable government officials, who were not quite convinced. Indeed, they saw the risk not in the failure but in the success of the president's attempt to get an Egyptian-Israeli treaty signed.

It is worth considering this skeptical view of President Carter's words and actions. At the outset the question is raised whether or not a bilateral Egyptian-Israeli treaty, far from bringing about peace and stability to the Middle East, is likely in fact to increase regional instability and prepare the ground for renewed conflict.

True, President Carter's professed objectives still are to reach a comprehensive settlement, which he described (in the words of the Brookings Institution Report on the Middle East drawn up in 1975 in part by his national security advisor) as stemming from the Palestine problem.

Most of all there is serious doubt in those authoritative circles about the president's capacity to achieve the larger goal of comprehensive settlement, especially after having invested so much in securing what is presumably only the first step toward it. Quite simply, it is highly unlikely that he can afford to spend this kind of effort and time or to risk so much political prestige in the "next stage" when elections loom largely on the horizon.

In the Middle East practically

all the important states have been alienated by Camp David, including the traditional friends of

China's long-term strategy?

By Denis Gray

BANGKOK —

The firing appears to be drawing down in the nearly month-old war between China and Vietnam, but some analysts believe the Chinese invasion was only the opening round of Peking's attempts to slowly exhaust pro-Soviet Indochina into submission.

Vietnam was already deep in economic distress and military entanglements without Peking's armed intervention.

The Sino-Vietnamese border—on land and sea—bristles with pretexts for renewed Chinese attacks. Peking has already warned that its troops might have to return to "punish" Hanoi if alleged Vietnamese border violations continue.

That is not the only problems facing Hanoi.

In less than three months, Indochina has come under Hanoi's dominion, an old dream that is a new burden.

Between 70,000 to 100,000 Vietnamese troops are tied down in Cambodia fighting the tough guerrillas of the toppled regime—and the onset of the monsoon rains, the dread of conventional armaments in Indochina, is only a month away. The monsoons will turn many of the Vietnamese-held towns into islands and the roads into mud tracks, giving an edge to the quick-striking, small units of the rebels.

At best, military analysts say, the Vietnamese will face an expensive logistical nightmare in supporting their modern, mechanized army throughout the country. Vietnamese forces in Laos have repeatedly accused China of aiming to subdue Indochina. There is every indication that the Vietnamese take their own propaganda seriously and that they fear a Chinese withdrawal will not necessarily end the conflict.

Peking announced it would pull out its troops, Vietnam declared general mobilization and put its economy on a wartime footing. Vietnam's military leaders were forced to rush substantial numbers of troops from Cambodia, southern Vietnam and Laos to the north—moves that Peking had presumably counted on to relieve the pressure on their ousted allies in Cambodia and to keep Vietnam running ragged.

Just how much the actual Chinese invasion has hurt Vietnam is still difficult to assess and analysts following the conflict are even reluctant to make estimates of casualties and destruction. But Bangkok-based sources say one aim of the Chinese appears to have been destruction on Vietnamese communication lines,

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"We in the Muslim world are need of reviving our solidarity to overcome the state of disunity that exists today. This conference should help us achieve that."

—(AP)

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"Okaz" welcomed the conference of the World Supreme Council of Mosques for its importance to Islam.

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Prince Fawaz, governor of Mecca to depose him in opening the conference. It indicates the government's concern for all moves that aim at promoting Islamic should help us achieve that."

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"We in the Muslim world are

Nouira discusses turbulence in Tunisia and the Middle East

By Jim Landers

TUNIS — In Iran, a revolution sweeps the country and a regime heads for exile. In Washington, Cairo and Tel Aviv, the negotiating path from Camp David lead to rising tensions in the Middle East. Spasms of change erupt in Arab and Islamic countries.

It all seems far away from this Mediterranean city with an Arab identity and European perspective. But that was not the case 14 months ago, when rioters and troops battled for the streets of Tunis, leaving 42 dead.

The events of Jan. 26, 1978, surprised many of Tunisia's friends and neighbors, and provoked a certain amount of soul-searching on the part of the Destour Socialist Party, Tunisia's ruling (and sole legal) political body. Of course, from an economic point of view, such virulent—and I would even say seditionary—actions cannot have some effect, if only that of slowing down temporarily the economic effort," said Tunisia's Prime Minister Hedi Nouira.

"As regards the political impact, I will say right away that it has been insignificant, because its reach was more superficial than deep," Nouira said. "It took exactly three hours to put the pilagers out of action, and for everything to return to normal."

In a wide-ranging interview with "Arab News" and "Asharq Al-Awsat" recently, Nouira insisted that the strike of the general trades unions (UGTT) last year which ended in violence was "insurrectionary" in intent. He blamed certain leaders of the UGTT for forming alliances with "perspectivists" (Communists and Marxists-Leninists), and said the strike had not changed the government's policy of concertation among Tunisia's "social partners"—unions, investors and consumers.

Nouira, in commenting on other political developments in the Middle East, said:

* Tunisia is "fully prepared to undertake any action likely to serve the purpose of rapprochement and conciliation" in the conflict involving Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and the Polisario guerrillas over the Western Sahara.

* Rather than trying to eliminate the Palestine Liberation

Organization from a comprehensive Middle East settlement, the United States recognizes "the rights of all the Palestinians fighting for their cause whether within or without Palestine itself." Nouira based his statement on a joint communique he signed with President Carter last November in Washington.

* The Iranian revolution is "against a social model rather than a political system," and is not likely to repeat itself in the Arab states of the Maghreb.

* The recent increases in the price of oil by OPEC were the result of "sizeable losses on account of the growing deterioration of currency." Tunisia, while not a member of OPEC, produces about 90,000 barrels a day and has raised its oil prices along with the neighboring states of Libya and Algeria.

The prime minister said the change in government in Algeria following the death of President Houari Boumedienne had marked no change in Tunisia's relations with its western neighbor, which one Tunisian diplomat described as "correct."

The possibilities for promoting Tunisian-Algerian cooperation remain the same as they were before," Nouira said. "They are, in fact, wide and numerous."

While offering to undertake "any action" to reconcile the Saharan adversaries, Nouira added, "of course, if we are asked to." At one point, French government sources said a meeting was likely between Morocco's King Hassan and Algeria's President Benjedid Chadli, but Algeria turned down the offer, and King Hassan has since reaffirmed his country's claim to the former Spanish territory.

On the PLO, Nouira said the organization had been in contact with his government since the November meeting in Washington to express "their approval and satisfaction" with the Carter-Nouira communiqué.

"If you refer to this document," Nouira said, "you will find no trace of such a slogan as 'Goodbye, PLO.' Quite on the contrary.

It asserts with clarity the legitimacy of the Palestinian people's rights, or, to put it in clearer terms, the rights of all the Palestinians fighting for their cause whether within or without Palestine itself."

Tunisia, whose population of six



Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nouira

million is 99 per cent Muslim has operated as a largely secular state since winning its independence in 1956. The labor unrest leading up to the 1978 riots, however, first flared during Ramadan in 1977, when labor union militants in Sfax attacked cafes serving food and beverages during the fasting month.

Aside from this one incident, there has been nothing in Tunisia's recent history even remotely similar to the Iranian religious reaction to the government of the Shah. Nouira said that a "fundamental difference in the social structures of Iran and those of the Maghreb countries" made a North African repeat of Iran's revolution unlikely.

"When we consider that the religious movement has been the sole organizing force behind this revolution," he said, "it is no surprise that this movement should have served as a unifying factor of all the Iranian people, or at least the majority.

"In the Arab Maghreb," Nouira continued, "the situation is different. The political forces here follow a natural process. They have been molded in the cast of the struggle for independence.

"The religious element has had its share in buttressing our political objective, and in fashioning our model of fighting for political, economic and social liberation. (But) there is a fundamental difference in the social structures of

Iran and those of the Maghreb countries. Neither in Tunisia nor in the other countries of the Maghreb can we find a religious power."

"We are all Sunni Muslims and there are no specific power groups here," Nouira concluded. "Islam is the religion of equality and fair distribution of opportunities. We have no such things as distinct sects, or any preference for one sect against another. Such is the difference, all the difference between us and Iran."

The Destour Socialist Party has ruled Tunisia continuously since 1956, when the country won its independence from France. The leader of that struggle for independence, Habib Bourguiba, has been president since 1957 and was elected president-for-life in 1974. Nouira, in addition to his duties as prime minister, is secretary general of the DSP and has been officially designated as Bourguiba's successor in the role of president.

The 1978 riots were the most serious challenge to the government since 1956. They had been simmering for some time, however, before they manifested themselves in violence.

"The political problem did not arise until well after liberation," Nouira said. "In effect certain minority groups separated themselves from the Party and tried, through political actions, I would not say to destroy the Party's credibility, but at least to try to."

The "minority" was led by Habib Achour, the former secretary general of the UGTT. Achour was tried and imprisoned last year for his role in the January general strike and rioting.

"What is the political thinking of that small group?" Nouira asked. "Myself, I do not know. I would even say that, as far as their statements seem to know, I would even say that, as far as their statements seem to indicate, their politics are those we ourselves pursue. And even when they formulate a definite doctrine, it comes out merely as very generalized slogans, which are bandied about wildly. Thus it is certainly not a defined political thesis, but more an action aimed at seizing power."

Nouira traced the UGTT's dissent with the government to the 1971 congress of the DSP. He said the labor organization had been "infiltrated by elements such as the Marxist-Leninists or Communists," and that the UGTT heeded up its political activism under leftist influences "all through the years 1976, 1977 and until early 1978."

"Wage demands were beyond the possibilities of business enterprises, beyond the possibilities of the nation's economy, and they began to look more like harassment than legitimate wage claims," he said.

The UGTT was in many ways a branch of the Destour Socialist Party, and Achour used to meet at least twice a week with Nouira to discuss labor-government relations. So when Achour turned his attention increasingly to political actions—which, under Tunisia's laws, were illegal—the government at first did nothing to stop him, according to Nouira.

"But when it went beyond the national context and reached other countries—we were aware of contacts having been made with foreign countries, agreements entered into between them, a favorable reception from a head of a foreign state to a possible refugee in that country from the UGTT—the matter was becoming compromising," Nouira said.

The foreign country in question was Libya, where Achour and Col. Muammar Qaddafi met in late 1977 and where Muhammed Masmoudi, a former Tunisian cabinet minister who worked for a political union between Tunisia and Libya in 1974, was in exile as an opponent of Nouira's government.

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"The explosion, or rather the insurrection of 1978, which degenerated into pillaging, arson, attacks on property and people," Nouira said, "was of course intended to bring down the regime and replace it with another form of society."

Though Nouira insisted that the political consequences of the Jan. 26 insurrection were "insignificant," he did allude to their effect on Tunisia's body politic.

Asked if the government intended to release Achour from

prison, Nouira replied: "Only the head of state's intervention can shorten or end the time he has to serve. Let us say that the wounds caused by the riots of 26 January (1978) have not yet healed and the damage has not yet been repaired."

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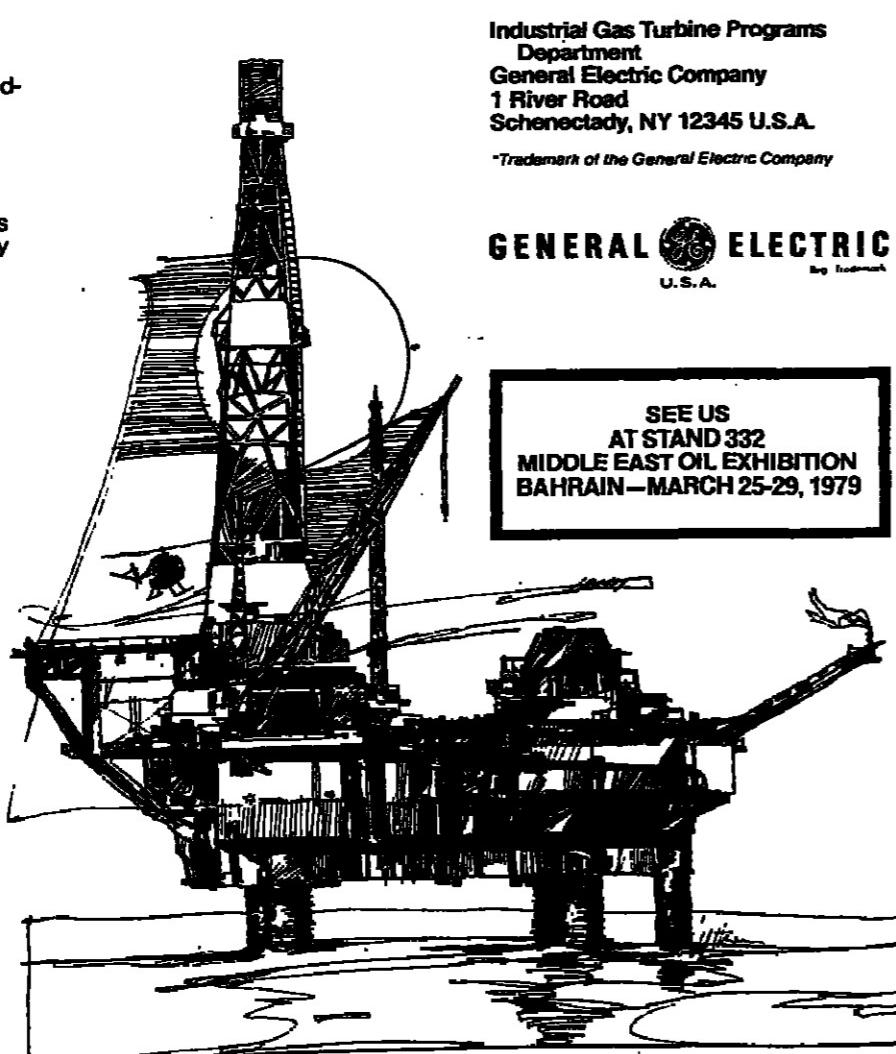
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The shape of things to come in the aircraft industry

By Robert C. Toth

WASHINGTON — Airline passengers 10 years from now will step into planes with longer but less swept-back wings, which may have ultra-smooth plastic skins and "winglets" that jut straight up from the wing tips.

Fuselages, rather than becoming more smooth, however, may look like a rhinoceros with wrinkled skin, at least in sections. Corrugated grooves along the forward section of the body, and waviness aft of the wings, promise less drag than today's airplane skins.

In the 75 years of the aviation age, the emphasis has been to always fly faster, higher and farther. Now, for air transports in particular, designs that save fuel and cut down noise are getting priority attention.

The next generation of airliners will not have wings that pivot or are more swept back, but rather the wings will be longer, narrower and less swept-back than today's transports. John M. Klineberg of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said.

Airliners designed in 1985 for introduction five years later may also have super-smooth wings and tail surfaces made of plastic materials that will drastically reduce air drag. Some interior spars in those sections will be plastic to reduce weight.

"Evolution rather than revolution is the password into the 1990s," Klineberg said in an interview that expanded on testimony he gave and a technical paper he delivered to an American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics meeting this month.

Some military fighters may look strikingly different in the future, he said. For example, forward-swept wings that permit greater maneuverability for craft operating at speeds around that of sound, 760 mph at sea level, are very promising, he said.

But for commercial air travel, supersonic transports (SSTs) will remain uneconomic through the next decade. The overwhelming majority of passengers, now 280 million a year in the United States, will be flying in the same speed range (600-650 mph, or mach 0.80-85) and heights (up to seven miles) as today.

"We are not predicting what the next generation aircraft will look like," said Klineberg, who is deputy chief of NASA's office of aeronautics and space technology. "But the new technology NASA is developing means they could have such features if their designers opt for it."

"Today's airliners were designed to burn fuel costing 12 cents a gallon," he added. "But today's fuel costs an average of 40 cents a gallon, and it won't get cheaper." U.S. airlines now use 12

800 series at no additional fuel cost.

Other new features that will not affect the appearance of the aircraft include use of so-called composite and super-plastic materials as weight-saving metal substitutes in body and even engine sections, as well as in the wings and tails.

The coming Boeing 767 airliner, a twin-engine, twin-aisle plane due to begin service in the early 1980s, will save one ton in weight by using such structural plastics, according to a report by



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billion gallons of fuel a year, and expect to double that consumption by 1990.

Boeing's John M. Swihard at the same meeting.

Looking toward subsequent airliners, Klineberg foresees weight savings of more than 25 per cent and cost savings of more than 10 per cent by using such synthetic materials.

The most dramatic — certainly the most visible — change on the horizon for commercial airliners will be in the wings.

Instead of the relatively wide and 35-degree sweep wings of today, tomorrow will bring "higher aspect" wings that are longer, thinner and have sweeps of about 27 degrees, according to Klineberg. These "advanced supercritical wings," he said, can

cut drag 25 per cent at cruising altitude.

The same kind of improvement in performance can be achieved by adding winglets, which are short wing sections attached vertically at the end of the horizontal wings, he said. "They look like sails and they act like sails, in a way."

In-flight tests of winglets on an Air Force KC-135, the tanker version of the Boeing 707, will begin this summer.

the aircraft, some novel solutions are being examined.

The drag is minimal when the air flow is smooth, or "laminar," but increases enormously when the air begins to tumble and become turbulent. On today's wings, the turbulence begins almost immediately after the air hits the leading edge. At most 2 per cent to 5 per cent of the surface enjoys laminar flow, Klineberg said.

One solution, proved in principle a decade ago by NASA, is to drill many small holes into the wing where the turbulent flow occurs, and then suck that turbulent air with pumps into the wing itself (to be "dumped" overboard later). Smooth flow could be maintained over 90 per cent of the wing surface this way.

In-flight tests found the holes clog easily, however, and the required pumps and ducting equipment added weight, cost and maintenance problems that discouraged further work then, Klineberg said. However, with improved technology, it's clear that this "active laminar flow control" is feasible, he said.

A simpler solution, called natural laminar flow control, is also being investigated. It needs no elaborate equipment, only an ultrasmooth wing surface.

Surface roughness as small as a thousandth of an inch causes smooth flow to become turbulent, as do rivets and other fasteners used to connect metal sheets in the skin of wings today.

But plastic composites, such as graphite fibers held together with epoxy glues, can be fabricated into wing surfaces that promise laminar flow over 6 per cent of the wing, Klineberg said.

While wings are mostly to blame, fuselages cause 25 per cent of total drag at cruise heights. Two kinds of design features are being examined by NASA. Rather than aim for smoothness, they would deliberately create roughness in the aircraft bodies.

In one experiment, the fuselage's outer skin between the cockpit and the tail is fabricated

like a corrugated roof, with long surface grooves along the body. Computer analysis shows a 30 per cent drag reduction in the region as a result, Klineberg said.

Another design would make waves in the fuselage skin between

the wings and the tail surfaces. Unlike the forward grooves, such corrugations would be perpendicular to the aircraft's direction of travel. Computers promise the surface waviness will cut drag by 20 per cent, Klineberg said.

"The aim in both cases is not to eliminate turbulence and shear but to reduce them and their drag effects," he added. "We don't really have a good theory on why they do it but they apparently do." —(LAT)

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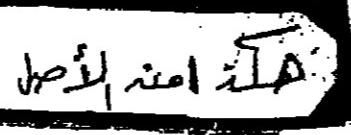
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COMMENTARY

A roadshow politician who wants to be U.S. president

By R. Emmett Tyrell

The writer is editor in chief of "The American Spectator" and author of the forthcoming "Public Nuisances."

LOS ANGELES—No dictum snatched from the vaults of American thought more wondrously illuminates the character and promise of the Rt. Hon. Edmund G. Brown Jr. than Gertrude Stein's appraisal of Oakland, California. As Miss Stein observed, her eyes full of the sheer concrete of the place, "There's no there there." So it is with Governor Brown.

Now, of course, this observation is not to be taken literally. There's obviously something there, a fact duly established in Robert Pack's important work, "Jerry Brown: The Philosopher Prince." For example, the heinous dangers of the flush toilet are now known by every thinking citizen thanks to the Governor's Office of Appropriate Technology, and the shortsightedness of the state's numerous plumbers has been exposed for all to see.

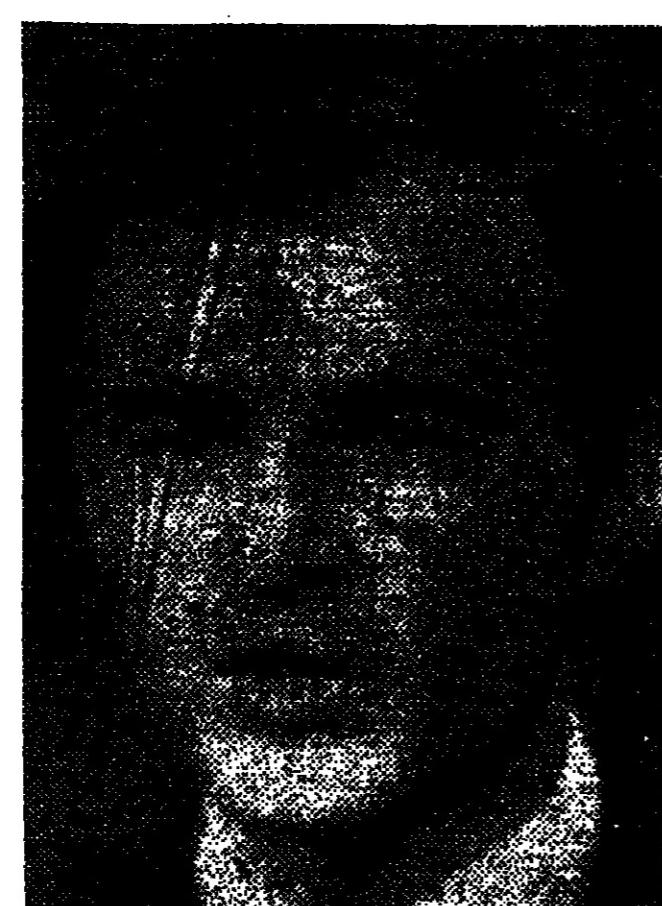
Then, too, thousands of California civil servants now live in a world where there are no state-endowed briefcases. Will public flush toilets be next to go? The state's public-health officials and university administrators would not be surprised. Their budgets have been squeezed, and today they long for the profligate days of former Gov. Ronald Reagan. Administrators of the fabled hot-lunch program live in terror of imminent extinction. And, perhaps most noticeable of all, the public discourse of this great state, a state whose \$200 billion economy ranks it with the 10 or so most advanced economies of the world, now echoes with such complicated sonorities as, "I go from day to space day, from one issue to another. Life is a mosaic. Life is many themes. Life is many seasons. So is a governorship. So is culture. So is history." Before meeting Hitler, Mussolini sounded a little like this, but such oratorical colossuses are relatively new to our shores, and even the late Italian's effusions never contained Brown's telltale traces of valium and hallucination. Still, is there anything to such pronunciamentos? In moral and philosophical heft are they any more substantial than the red-white-and-blue solemnities of a Chicago alderman weeping over a renamed street? I am moved to doubt.

This bachelor governor, living in a rented flat, sleeping on a mattress on the floor, cooking vegetables macrobiotically and traveling hither and yon not in the governor's limousine, but in a 1974 Plymouth satellite, puts on a swell show. Nonetheless, beneath all the 1960s-1970s mountebankery is — sad to report — the grandeur of Oakland. Here is a man with no roots, no strong affections, no fixed ideas. Yet, because he issues cryptic flummoxes with the effortless ease of some fat swami ensconced in the Waldorf and surrounded by PR hacks, he is seen by pundits as a sage and a statesman of moment. Alas, he is mostly empty space.

In the fecklessness with which he defended pet projects once they fell under the assault of hostile legislators, and in the fluency of his apophysis from liberal collectivism, one sees not so much a man of few principles as a man of hollow chambers. Could anyone with any grasp of political principle so smugly and speedily adopt positions once put down as heartlessly reactionary? Could anyone with any sense of the consequences of ideas and language so unflinchingly adopt the arguments of his erstwhile enemies? Brown leapt to the

right with no apologies or explanations whatsoever. He commenced with his new rhetoric as easily as though it were a catchy new tune promoting soap.

Obviously, ideas and philosophies do not bite very deeply into this "philosopher-prince's" cerebrum, and so he proudly conveys such



BROWN: anybody there?

asseverations as, "I see the world in very fluid, contradictory, emerging, interconnected terms, and with that kind of curlicuity I just don't feel the need to say what is going to happen or will not happen... It's the circuitry of semiconductors and computers and electronic interconnections, that's what's happening today."

As he struts through the land, he trails these beauties behind him, and there is a certain kind of Americano, particularly numerous in the press corps, who hears this gibbering and swoons. Few guffaws

are heard. You live under a tyranny of humorless minds. Brown proves it.

Study his records. He is all restless ambition. If he has any character at all it is the character of a vague and moping puritan. To him has accrued the smudge of bay area bizarrie, but what little else there is to him is mere wosser: a stern prig, scowling at the voluptuaries of this world and intent in putting them under his thumb. Is he not a renowned scold of tobacco in public places? An uneasy observer of science and the motorcar? We know where he stands on macrobiotically cooked vegetables. Where does he stand on dancing, or eating between meals? Does he ever take in the pleasures of the movie house or a back cantata? My guess is no. He is already on record as believing that "anyone who has time to shine his shoes isn't doing the important things in life." Here is a modern Cotton Mather.

Like Ralph Nader, Brown is another of those weird 1960s puritans full of vigor and bile. In all the hagiographic books that have been written about him, never is there a suggestion of a genial moment, a convivial lapse. He is intense, abrasive, remote and sullen. He misses appointments, forces himself upon others and abuses employees.

Brown once promised voters that he would simultaneously move to the left, and the right. He could do this because he embraces the most misanthropic traits of both. He is a skingilt, thus soothng the right.

He takes obvious pleasure in abusing middle-class pieties; thus the left is satisfied. One of the ineluctable lessons of the 1960s and 1970s is that once one has opened the public schools to meetings of a Huey Newton-Eldridge Cleaver Defense Committee, or lowered state flags for the Kent State Four, the left's passion for "fundamental change" is generally satisfied. An occasional outrage of middle-class dignity quenches leftist demands for reform just as thoroughly as a cut in welfare spending quiets the right's rhetoric about personal liberty. These are things the Governor knows, and he knows little else. So how to explain his two terms in Sacramento and his attraction as a presidential candidate?

Obviously, the American people have forsaken civics for a good show. And, as he was shown in the 1976 presidential race, they are not sickened by the wanton caresses of a shameless flatterer. Indeed, some may even be fetched by them. Moreover, vast hordes of semi-educated blanks have been graduated from the universities in the last decade, and they share Governor Brown's pretensions. When he speaks in his argot of progress and mystical pishposh, they open their hearts to him. "Compassion," "caring," "progressivism," on and on ad nauseam; blood pressures rise, sweat bursts forth from the brow and the members of the constituency of conscience hurl down their frisbees and prepare to march with him against the "vested interests." That the Governor is always coy about revealing the identities of the "vested interests" has long been noted. And that he is still more coy about how he will smite them is a matter vexing even to the constituency of conscience. But that he is an "activist" no one doubts.

During his tenure in Sacramento, there have been prayer breakfasts featuring meditations on a "peyote, snakes and pregnant goats." *Never think of anything.* —(LAT)

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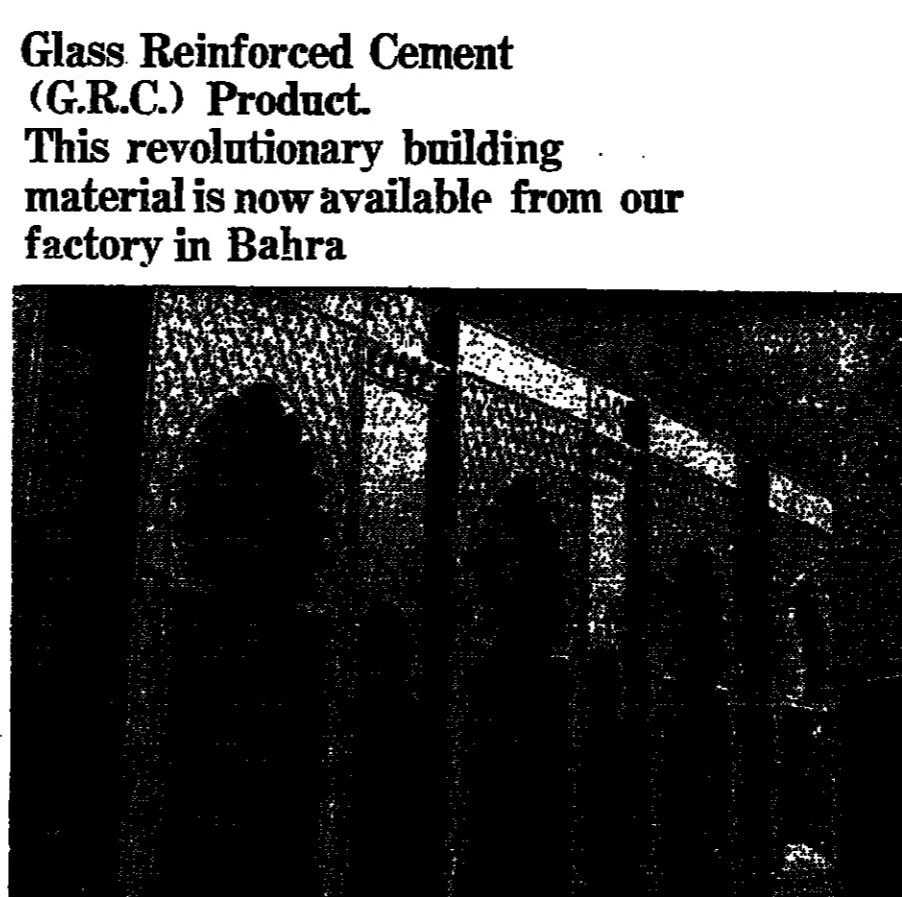
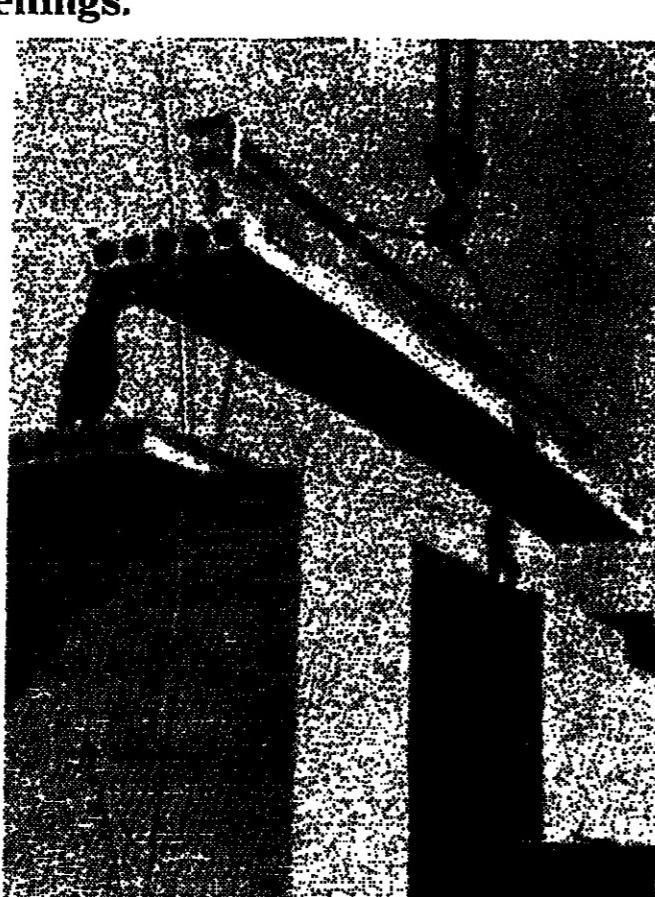
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For 71-run victory

Sarfraz destroys Australian innings

MELBOURNE, March 16 (AP) — Australia's middle-order batting, largely responsible for Australia's defeat in the Ashes series against England, collapsed under the withering pace of fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz to give Pakistan a 71-run victory in the first Test here Thursday.

Australia, set 382 to win Wednesday, had fought back into contention thanks to a magnificent partnership of Alan Border and Kim Hughes.

Standing on 305 for the loss of only three wickets, Australia needed only 76 runs to clinch victory.

But the lanky Sarfraz, who had already accounted for openers David Whitemore and Andrew Hilditch Wednesday devastated the Australians with pace and accuracy to skittle out the innings for 310.

Scoreboard

Pakistan : 1 st innings 196
Australia : 1 st innings 168
Pakistan : 2nd innings 353 for nine declared
Australia : 2nd innings 310
D. Whitemore b Sarfraz 15
A. Hilditch b Sarfraz 62
A. Border b Sarfraz 105
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A. Hurst c Bari b Sarfraz 0
Extras (b-13, lb-13, nb-9) 35
Fall : 1-49, 2-109, 3-128, 4-305, 5-305, 6-306, 7-308, 8-309, 9-310, 10-310.

Turnbull, Fromholtz meet in Boston tourney semis

BOSTON, March 16 (AP) — Australian Wendy Turnbull and second-seeded Dianne Fromholtz advanced Thursday night to the semifinals of the \$150,000 women's tennis championships at Boston University.

They will meet another Saturday night.

Turnbull, who won last week's tournament in Philadelphia, gained a 7-6, 6-1 quarter-final win over Kerry Reid of Australia. Fromholtz overcame early prob-

Sarfraz ended the day with the remarkable figures of 9 for 86 after taking the last seven Australian wickets at the personal cost of only one run.

The defeat was a bitter disappointment to the Australians after laying the best foundation of a lamentable Test season Wednesday when New South Wales skipper Andrew Hilditch posted a 62, by far the biggest score of his Test career.

Border, who started the day with 25, built up an imposing 105, first with Australian skipper Graham Yallop. When Yallop was run out for eight, Kim Hughes joined Border to slash a confident 84 before he too fell to Sarfraz, caught by Mohsin.

Of the last six batsmen, only Kevin Wright, who was not out, managed to get off the mark against the blistering Sarfraz, caught by Mohsin.

FIGURE : Robin Cousins of Great Britain, whose brilliant free-skating performance clinched second place in the world figure-skating championship.



Tapie enjoys early lead in Doral golf tournament

MIAMI, March 16 (AP) — Alan Tapie, gunning for his first victory in five years of pro golf tour activity, one-putted 11 times on his way to a six-under-par 66 that provided him with the first round lead Thursday in the \$ 250,000 Doral Open.

"A Heck of a round," said Tapie, a 29-year-old product of the mini-tours who gained exempt status last year for the first time.

"I just made a lot of putts, an awful lot of putts. I was thinking well, too. I didn't try to make it happen."

Tapie had a two-stroke lead until he scored his only bogey of the sunny, windy day after driving behind trees on the right on the final hole at the 7,065 yard Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club.

That left him one stroke in front of Bill Kratzert, Rod Curi, Gibby Gilbert, Jack Renner and rookie Mark McCumber, all in with 75s.

Renner, one of the last of the field on the course, had a share of the top spot until he, too, bogeyed his final hole.

Jack Nicklaus, who filed a late entry for this event when he decided his game needed more work, continued to have his problems. He three-putted three times and shot a 73. It was the seventh consecutive time the game's greatest player has failed to break par.

And in San Diego, Vivian Brownlee and Nazo Koshihara carded four-under-par 68s Thursday to share the first-round lead in the \$ 150,000 Rancho Bernardo golf classic.

Brownlee, of Florida, was in the first group of the tee in the Ladies Professional Golf Association event on the 6,020-yard, par-72 Rancho Bernardo Inn and Country club course and her 68 stood up until Yoshikawa, of Kyoto Japan matched her.

Russian man captures figure-skating title

VIENNA, March 16 (AP) — Vladimir Kovalev of the Soviet Union regained the world figure skating title Thursday night.

Robin Cousins of Britain was second and Jan Hoffmann of East Germany third.

Charlie Tickner, the American defending champion, gave a brilliant exhibition of free skating but failed to make up ground he lost in the earlier stages of the competition and finished fourth.

Scott Cramer, also of the U.S., was fifth.

Kovalev won the title in 1977 but Tickner took it off him at Ottawa last year.

Cousins and Tickner were the stars of the free skating.

Tickner knew he had to pull out something special to keep his title. He had been in third place after the compulsory exercise and short program.

The American went all out in an ambitious program and thrilled the crowd in Vienna's Stadthalle with perfectly executed triple jumps. The whole U.S. team,

Milan club said joining race to sign Italy striker

VICENZA, Italy, March 16 (R) — Inter Milan has joined the line of leading soccer clubs itching to sign Paolo Rossi, Italy's top striker, an Italian sports newspaper said Thursday.

"La Gazzetta dello Sport" said Inter was prepared to offer top players plus cash in an effort to tempt the Lanerossi Vicenza club into parting with its prized asset.

The paper did not specify the value of the offer, but it would certainly make Rossi the most costly footballer in the world.

Rossi, 22, is already known as the "six million dollar man" on the basis of a complex deal last year when Vicenza bought out his co-owner, Juventus of Turin.

The Vicenza secretary dismissed Thursday report as "fantasy" and pointed out that transfer negotiations are illegal in Italy until the end of the season in May.

But a well-informed source here confirmed Inter's interest and estimated its offer at over six billion lire (\$ 7.1 million). .

In Vienna

The Russian played it safe and attempted less ambitious jumps than either Tickner or Cousins. But he kept ahead, despite a near disaster in the closing seconds when he had to put his hand on the ice to avoid falling.

Kovalev finished with 17 ordinals and 185.80 points. Cousins had 22 and 185.18. Hoffmann 23 and 185.10 and Tickner 28 and 184.28.

The most sympathetic cheers of the night were for the Japanese stars Fumio Igashira and Mitsuhiro Matsunura. The crowd loved their spectacular skating and whistled and boozed when their scores

went up on the board.

Igashira finished in sixth place with 57 ordinals and 177.06 points.

Matsunura was ninth with 83.72.74.

Two more titles remain to be decided — ice dancing and women's figure skating Saturday.

Indians urged to Asiad effort

NEW DELHI, March 16 (A)

— Indian President Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy Thursday called for an all-out national effort to make the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi "a great success."



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After 65-point whipping by Bucks

Battered Jazz return to edge mighty Spurs

NEW YORK, March, 16 (AP) — The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Crescent City Five.

They'd been horsewhipped one night earlier and barely were alive.

They trailed by 24 with 15:19 left to go.

But they turned around and finally beat San Antonio.

Rich Kelley's layup with two seconds left was the winning basket by 56 points Wednesday night at Milwaukee, edged the high-flying San Antonio Spurs, 124-122, after falling behind by 24 points with 3:30 left in the third period.

Spencer Haywood led the way with 30 points and Kelley had 27 plus 21 rebounds as the Jazz snapped a six-game National Basketball Association losing streak. San Antonio got 30 points from James Silas and 28 from George Gervin but missed chance to clinch a playoff berth.

Elsewhere, the Seattle super-sonics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers, 104-98, and the Detroit Pistons downed the New York Knicks, 88-83.

New Orleans coach Elgin Baylor called the Jazz rally "a tremendous comeback and a tre-

mendous effort. All the guys on the bench came in and we didn't quit. We have had a problem of getting behind early, making a run and the fizzling out, but tonight we kept coming."

Lonnie Shelton scored 28 points on 13-of-13 shooting and Gus Williams added 23 to lead Seattle. Shelton scored 20 points in the second half, including 12 in the third quarter when the Sonics broke a 52-52 halftime deadlock and took an 81-73 lead. Cleveland

withheld the lead to 91-90 with 5:38 to play but a three-point play by Shelton gave Seattle some breathing room and Cleveland then went five minutes with only one basket. The Cavaliers were led by Bingo Smith with 24 points, his season high.

On Wednesday night, Milwaukee's old single-game scoring record — 152 points in a triple-overtime game against the New York Knicks last season — fell as the Bucks shot 65.1 percent to rout the Jazz 158-102.

Elsewhere that evening San Antonio beat the Los Angeles Lakers, 125-112, the Houston Rockets trounced the Kansas City Kings 129-107, the Golden State Warriors trimmed the Atlanta Hawks 113-98; the San Diego Clippers beat the Portland Trail Blazers, 110-105; Seattle shaded the Philadelphia 76ers, 99-96. The Denver Nuggets defeated the New Jersey Nets, 120-110; the Phoenix Suns eclipsed the Boston Celtics 126-117.



Prince Bandar ibn Fahd ibn Saad

Middleweight, light heavy

Ugandans triumph in Danish ring

COPENHAGEN, March 16 (AP) — Ugandan boxers showed their superiority in the middle grades with victories Thursday evening at a professional boxing gala here.

Commonwealth champion Al Kalule of Uganda made short work of New Zealander Ian Betham who served as little more than a punching bag and took so much punishment that the referee stepped in to stop the fourth round

of a scheduled 12-round middleweight bout.

Earlier, a Ugandan light heavyweight, Mustapha Wassaja, won a narrow and hotly disputed decision over Jerry Celestine of New Orleans over eight hard-fought rounds.

When the referee intervened, Kalule, slated to meet Japan's light middleweight world champion Masashi Kudo for the World Boxing Association title, had Betham against the ropes and

under a ceaseless two-fisted bombardment from which the Samoa-born boxer did not even try to escape.

The 26-year-old Wassaja, now undefeated in 16 bouts, was not quite up to his best and Celestine, 29, looked the better of the two for much of the fight, using a clever, economic style and scoring well with this left hook to body and head. The crowd certainly thought so, boozing at the judges unanimous decision.

British football results

LONDON, March 16 (R) — Results of British soccer matches played Wednesday night were:

English F.A. Cup quarter-final replay

Man. Utd. 2 Spurs 0

Revised semi-final draw Saturday

Liverpool v Man. Utd.

Wolves v.s. Southampton or

Arsenal

League One

Forest 2 Norwich 1

WBA 1 Chelsea 0

Division Two

Blackburn 0 Oldham 2

Stoke 3 Orient 1
Sunderland 1 Palace 2

Division Three

Chester 0 Rotherham 1

Chesterfield 1 Blackpool 3

Division Four

Wigan 3 Torquay 1

Scottish F.A. Cup Quarter-final replay

Celtic 1 Aberdeen 2

Revised semi-final draw:

Partick v.s. Rangers (Hampden Park, April 4)

Aberdeen v.s. Hibs (Hampden Park, April 11)

TROPHY : The Hasbroucks receiving their trophy from Prince Bandar with JBC director Ahmad Dakhil, at left, and manager Naim Shallita, center.



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New budget upsets townspeople

Cost of living soars in India

NEW DELHI, March 16 (AP) — To the dismay of India's city dwellers, living costs have taken an overnight jump in anticipation of tax increases not yet in effect.

Angry letters to "The Economic Times" and other newspapers Wednesday denounced merchants and tradesmen for raising prices even before excise taxes in the new national budget have been approved by parliament, expected by the end of March.

Debt bill passed by U.S. House

WASHINGTON March 16 (AP) — The House of Representatives has voted to raise the temporary U.S. government debt ceiling to \$ 830 billion, a level the administration of President Jimmy Carter says is needed for the government to pay its bills.

The House Thursday approved the higher debt level 212-195 after narrowly defeating an effort to tack on a requirement for a balanced budget by 1981. The bill was to go to the Senate.

The budget announced last week, contains a particularly stiff dose of taxation on products used by urban residents, part of the government's new emphasis on assisting rural areas.

Until the taxes actually go into effect, merchants can pocket the difference in price.

Some gasoline stations declared themselves "out of stock" the day before the budget was unveiled. They "were virtually flooded with petrol the next day," with prices nearly 16 per cent higher, said one irate letter.

Gasoline, already a costly 44 cents per liter, jumped to 51 cents. Cooking gas now costs eight per cent more while the price of a one-ton airconditioner has risen by \$ 63 from \$ 1,162 to \$ 1,225.

The budget makes special concessions for relatively affluent farmers which, critics say, are at the expense of India's urban middle class.

From Madras, "The Economic Times" newspaper reported that a survey of middle class families earning the equivalent of \$ 125 per

month showed that monthly expenses would rise by 15 per cent.

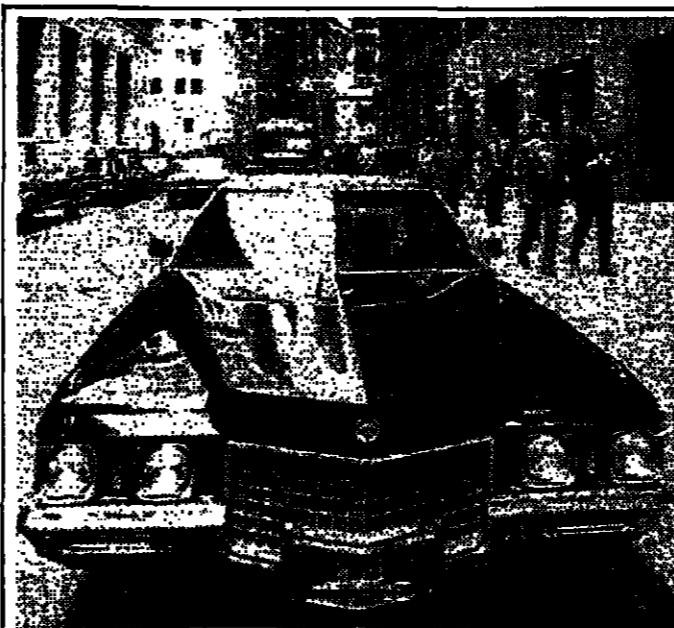
To add to their woes the city dwellers' transport bills are soaring.

Last weekend, taxi drivers in New Delhi and other cities refused to operate in protest against the gasoline price increases and demanded a fare raise.

ECC urges wide mining investments

Brussels, March 16 (AP) — The European Common Market Commission has called for urgent and intensive mining investments in developing countries.

European Commissioner for Development Clark Cheysson told reporters Thursday both developing countries and the European Community were heavily dependent on imports for their energy or raw materials and thus should cooperate in increasing investments in oil and ore prospecting.



WALL STREET : Big cars and big buildings stand as a symbol of the monetary power of New York's Wall Street.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Thursday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.85	6.92	6.92
Deutsche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.75	181.00
Swiss F	2.00 (100)	202.00	201.25
French F	0.79 (100)	79.00	78.75
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.25	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.00	109.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.00	86.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.52	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.33	11.33
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.77	8.77
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.45	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.00	34.30
Gold kg	—	26.100	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3.050	—
Silver kg bar	—	800	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.63	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.86	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	1.69	1.69
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah.

Day marked by positive trading

NEW YORK, March 16 — The market opened in positive territory Thursday and remained there for the rest of the day. New York City Bank loans were down \$ 50 million while the nation's commercial banks averaged net borrowed reserves of \$ 682 million for the week ending Wednesday. M1 up \$ 3.7 billion while M2 rose \$ 2.9 billion, at the close the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.65, transports rose 1.80 and utilities were unchanged. Volume of trading was 29 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as gainers outnumbered losers by a 7 to 6 margin. The American Stock Exchange up .8.2

Growth and glamour issues edged lower with Johnson and Johnson off 1 3/8 to 69 7/8, Honeywell lost 5/8 to 53 1/2. IBM dropped 3/4 to 306 3/4. Xerox fell 1/2 to 56 7/8 and Texas Instruments off 5/8 to 79 7/8 Philip Morris off 1 to 64 1/4.

Energy issues continued to dominate the action with Cities Service up 1 5/8 to 59 3/8. Getty up 1 3/4 to 43 3/8. Mesa Petrol up 1 1/8 to 40 1/8. Standard of Ohio added 1 3/4 to 48 1/2. Gulf Oil up 1 to 26. Schlumberger up 1 5/8 to 100 5/8 and Pennzoil added 3/4 to 34 7/8.

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Nigeria warns of rise in price of crude oil

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP) — Nigerian officials are warning world oil companies that the price of that nation's crude oil might jump nearly 17 per cent on April, industry sources say.

The sources Thursday said Nigeria was suggesting a price increase of \$ 2.50 per barrel above the \$ 14.80 a barrel it now charges for its oil.

Nigeria, the world's seventh largest oil producer, had been the only large member of the OPEC countries other than Saudi Arabia not to announce a price rise above this year's scheduled OPEC increases.

OPEC is scheduled to raise its prices 3.9 per cent April 1. But several members of the 13-nation organization have already boosted their crude prices.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

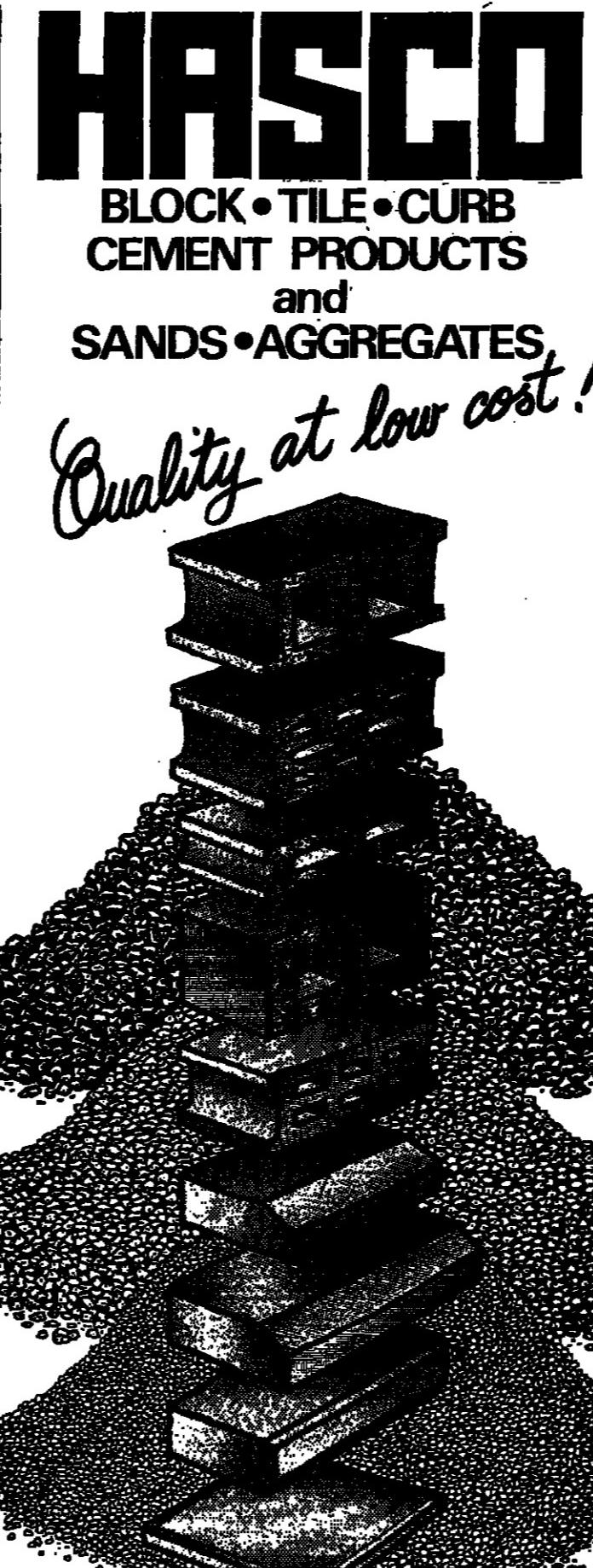
Authority	Description	NO. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Fencing of graveyards in Medina and the outlying areas	250	April 7	
" "	Repairs to the vegetable market in Medina	200	April 7	
Municipality of Qatif	Tearing and opening of Dababiah road, Shuaikah and the five squares in Qatif	100	April 9	
" "	Asphalting of palm grove fences	Free	April 9	
Ministry of Education	Constructing of primary schools, 20/M model 3 (pine classrooms), second instalment for 78/79	3000	April 17	
Armed Forces Medical Services	Household furniture for 79/80 4	150	April 15	
" "	Sanitation equipment 5	200	April 17	
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Vehicles 6	200	April 22	
" "	Constructing of five lavatories in N'oman village in Al-Dulam	103-98/99	May 8	
" "	Fencing of Abu Nakha graveyard Under Al-Rass municipality	26-97/98	150	May 19
" "	Temporary asphalting of rural roads under Bish municipality	106-98/99	500	May 21



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2 MUTSU MARU	—	—	14/3/79
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4 mare artico	O. Trade	Bananas	13/3/79
5 —	—	—	—
6 —	—	—	—
7 NARUTO MARU	Alireza Orri	Gen/F/stuffs/Ctrs. Wheat/Barley/ K.D. Houses.	15/3/79
8 WILDCLOVER	—	—	14/3/79
9 —	—	—	—
10 —	BoAboud	Oilcake	13/3/79
11 BLUE MARU	—	—	—
12 —	—	—	—
13 —	—	—	—
14 —	—	—	—
15 EL GAVILAN	Orri M.T.A.	General Containers	14/3/79
16 ANEMOS	—	—	13/3/79
17 —	—	—	—
18 ACHILLEUS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	14/3/79
19 —	—	—	—
20 MAERSK COMMANDER	Baroom	Bgd. Cement	13/3/79
21 ELENI 2	A.A.	Bgd. Cement	10/3/79
22 ELENI 2	A.A.	Bgd. Cement	8/3/79
23 FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	S.M.A.	Accommodation Ship	—
35 —	—	—	—
36 PANAMA	Rezayat Star	Chassis/Ctrs. Animal Feed	14/3/79
38 CASTLE GLORY	—	Bananas	11/3/79
39 ZEBEDIELA	—	—	12/3/79
40 —	—	—	—
41 SENNAR	A.E.T. Abdallah	Plywood/General Plywood/Timber Steel/General	14/3/79
42 CHAR HO	—	—	12/3/79
43 —	—	—	—
44 —	—	—	—
2-Recent Arrivals			
PANAMA	Rezayat	Chassis/Contr. Ldg.mty barges	14/3/79
GREEN VALLEY	Kano	Ro Ro	14/3/79
FOSS DUNKERQUE	Fayez	Wheat/Barley/ K.D. Houses.	14/3/79
WILD CLOVER	Orri	—	—
ACHILLEUS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	14/3/79
TFL PROSPERITY	Abdullah	Ro Ro	14/3/79
SENNAR	A.E.T.	Plywood/General	14/3/79
MUTSU MARU	Alireza	Cars	14/3/79
EL GAVILAN	Orri	General	15/3/79
AL HEJAZ	S. Lines	General	15/3/79
MARUTO MARU	Alireza	General	15/3/79
3-Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours			
RIO IGUAZ	Alireza	Refrigerator/General	15/3/79
AMALTHEA	Star	Refrigerator	15/3/79
FRIGO QUEEN	Star	Refrigerator	15/3/79
ARCHAN GELOS	BaAboud	Durra	15/3/79
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Italy 1711.00-1712.00 LIT 81.00-81.02

Austria 1,040-1,045 DFL 2,040-2,060

Germany 3,150-3,155 DKK 1,070-1,075

W. Germany 3,150-3,175 DMR 1,05-1,055

Sweden 8,890-8,900 YEN 206.75-206.85

Norway 18,700-18,720 AL. SCH. 14.14-14.15

Iceland 5,173.00-5,174.25 NKR 5,090-5,1010

Austria 27.70-27.75 PDR 1,070-1,075

Portugal 4,100-4,120 PES 1,080-1,090

Spain 148.45-149.75 BFR FIN 29.75-29.81

Japan 328.54-327.56 SPANISH 69.45-69.51

MEXICO 22.17-22.21 SFR 2,070-2,080

Switzerland 3,150-3,150 Swiss Franc 2,070-2,080

Other countries 72.47-72.48, two months 58.53-58.54, three months 72.47-72.48, six months 110-110.00, twelve months 225-225.15 Swiss Franc

Currencies 1.00-1.00, one month 0.97-0.98, three months 0.97-0.98, six months 1.02-1.02, twelve months 1.14-1.14 Swiss Franc

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March 14 NOON STOCK AVERAGES

30 Industrials 849.45 1 P.M. 849.45 or 0.4%

Transport 215.75 1 P.M. 215.75 or 0.2%

15 Utilities 182.94 1 P.M. 182.94 or 0.2%

65 Stocks 354.91 4 P.M. 354.91 or 0.3%

New York — (AP-DJ) — The Stock Market Average closed at 845.37 off 1.5c. Volume totalled 24,700,000 shares compared with about 31,200,000 last Friday.

Analysts noted that the market peaked up a bit early in the day on optimistic news in connection with the midwest plant strike. However, with little news to support it, the market quickly ran out of steam and deflated lower for most of the afternoon.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers by about 312 to 251, with 560 unchanged.

New York Bond Market: A Special Report by Phil Hawkins

New York — (AP-DJ) — Record new supplies are forcing Federal Agency securities to become "chaperones" in relation to Treasury issues, analysts say.

It currently appears likely that the net new volume of Agency sales in the first three months of 1979 will exceed last year's first quarter record of \$7.3 billion, according to Salomon Brothers Inc., which is the nation's largest dealer of Farm Credit bonds, the added.

By Friday, the spread in yields between similar-maturity Agency and Treasury issues had widened by as much as 0.2 percentage point. For example, 10-year Agencies were yielding about 3.2 percent, while 10-year Treasuries, which was down from 3.1 percent, had declined to 3.17 percent.

The Agencies almost certainly will continue to seek immovable sums beyond the end of this quarter. "We expect the 15 billion dollars of new issues to be down from the first quarter," said Salomon Brothers, reemphasized.

All Agency, Treasury and Corporate issues became moderately cheaper Wednesday in reaction to the decline in interest rates. Most bond market markdowns ranged to about 1/16, which is equivalent to 5 dollars for every 1,000 dollars face amount.

Securities maturing in that quarter must be re-financed, including about 6.3 billion dollars by the Federal Farm Credit banks, 2.2 billion dollars by

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Government Secs. 71.96 72.29 72.44 72.83 73.10 73.10

Fixed Interest 71.91 72.66 72.49 72.79 73.05 73.45

Industrial Ordinary 502.7 509.9 506.6 519.3 506.3 503.9

Commodities 160.4 165.5 165.5 165.5 161.7 161.7

Gold Min. (10.5-11.5) 118.1 117.4 117.4 117.4 117.4 117.4

Ord. Div. Yield 5.55 5.48 5.52 5.40 5.61 5.56

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P/E Ratio (excl. *0) 9.04 9.15 9.09 9.26 9.23 9.95

Dividends marked 7,632 8,261 8,961 8,950 7,303 7,303

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RUBBER Today's Closing Per tonne

LEAD Today's Closing Per tonne

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RAW SUGAR Today's Closing Per tonne

TIN Today's Closing Per tonne

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ZINC Today's Closing Per tonne

EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES

March 14 Sterling U.S. Canadian Dollar

Dollar/Goldsterling 7.00 10.14 10.14

Swiss Franc 7.00 10.14 10.14

French Franc 7.00 10.14 10.14

Italian Lira 7.00 10.14 10.14

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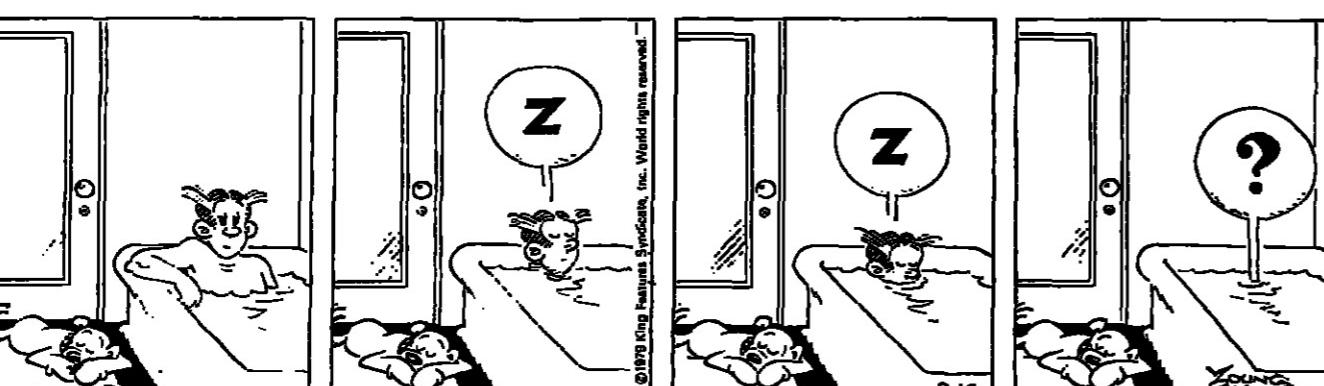
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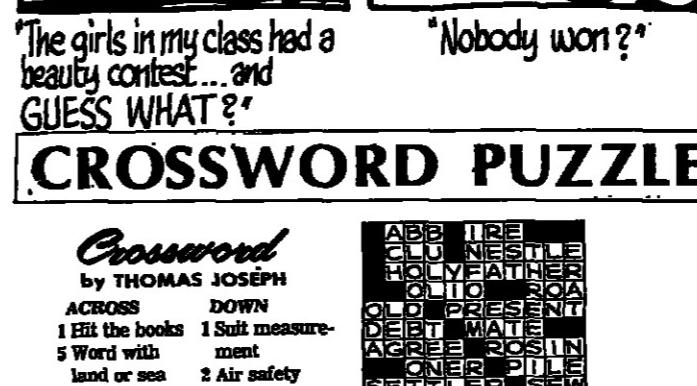
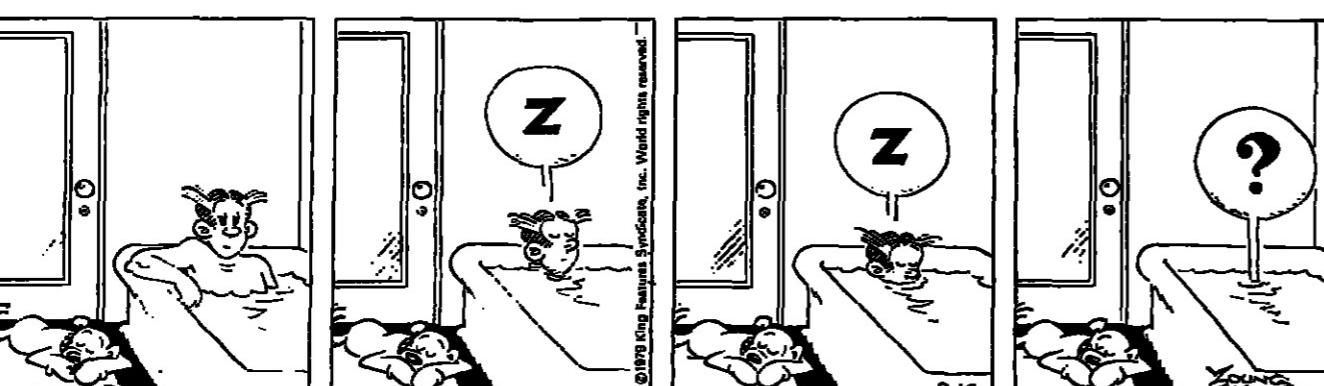
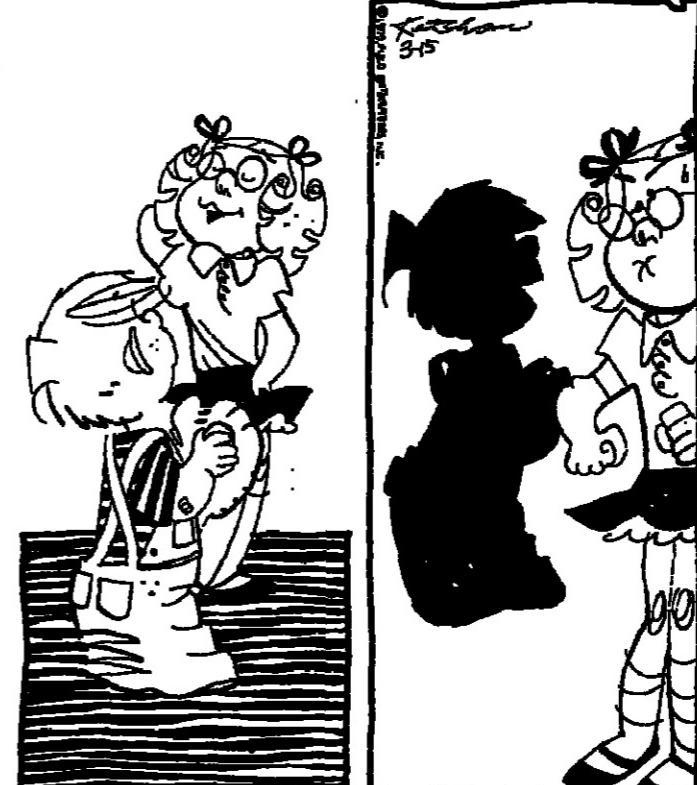
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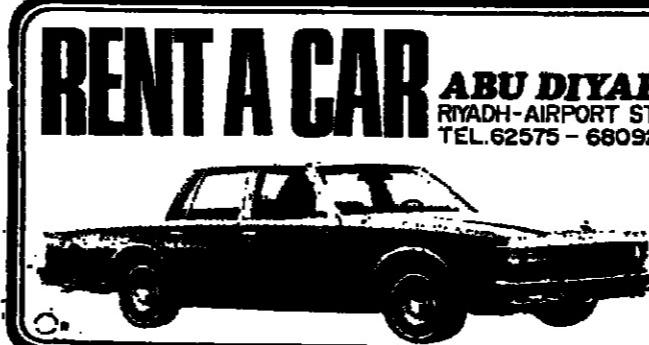
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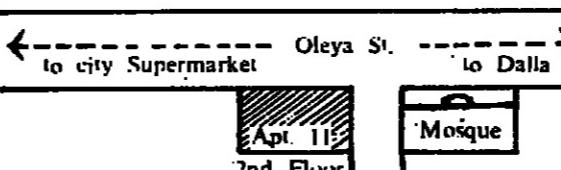
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Jean Monnet

Common Market founder dies at 91

PARIS, March 16 (AP) — Jean Monnet, the man known as the "Father of Europe," died Friday at his home near Montfort L'Amaury, sources at the headquarters of the European Economic Community reported. He was 91.

Monnet, a political economist, was the key figure in the drive to bind the free European nations economically and politically, but during his long career he constantly shunned the limelight.

His first major step toward European unity was a six-nation pool of coal and steel resources, formally setup in 1951 Seven years later it became known as the European Economic Community.

Monnet was never a member of a government, but was, as American author Theodore White called him, "a broker of ideas." He brought statesmen together by demonstrating how his ideas were in the interest of those concerned, persisting when leaders resisted or hesitated.

Monnet was born in the town of Cognac on Nov. 9, 1888, the son of a distinguished French distiller. He abandoned the idea of a university education and instead went to Canada to sell his father's cognac, aperitif he has described as invaluable background for bargaining.

Monnet, March 16 (R) — Angry hospital workers warned Britons of an all-out strike next week following the government's decision to allow volunteer help at strike-hit hospitals.

British Health Minister David Ennals said Thursday that hospitals should feel free to call in volunteers in the face of industrial action.

Over the past month the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) has called out thousands of hospital workers in support of a 40 per cent pay rise

In 1919 he became deputy secretary general of the League of Nations. He gradually expanded his experiences and contacts, reorganizing the Chinese railways, floating international loans and handling legal entanglements. As a broker on Wall Street, he made a fortune and then lost it in the 1929 crash.

Monnet rarely took direct political action, but developed the art of making friends and influencing people. For five decades, he counted leaders of the free world

nations among his close personal friends. Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy, Gen. George Marshall, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, British Prime Ministers from Winston Churchill to Edward Heath, and French leaders from Charles de Gaulle to Valery Giscard d'Estaing liked and admired him and turned to him for advice.

Monnet developed the revolutionary theory that calamitated in the Common Market:

that nation-states can cooperate effectively only to the extent that they abandon parts of the sovereignty to a joint authority.

Monnet's vision of a unified Europe is still taking shape.

Direct elections are scheduled for June 10 to choose a parliament representing 260 million European citizens from nine nations.

European leaders have implemented a joint monetary system, using the currency unit "the Ecu."

Volunteer call-up condemned

U.K. clinics face all-out strike

LONDON, March 16 (R) — leaving only a few staff on duty to enable hospitals to deal with emergencies.

But, at a meeting Thursday night, angry union officials voted to stop up action by calling out the remaining workers — porters, cooks and cleaners — on an all-out strike starting next Wednesday.

London hospitals have not used volunteers during the dispute arguing that it would only make the already strained relations with the trade unions worse.

"People will resent it. More

people will come out on strike. He is not going to solve anything this way," said one NUPE official, commenting on Ennals' statement.

Converted police vans and army ambulances were standing by to deal with emergencies.

300,000 civil servants who want pay rises of up to 35 per cent Friday also warned the government of "an inglorious punch-up" if it did not get down to serious pay negotiations next week.

The civil servants have been disrupting key government centers by refusing to handle tax collection, to decide diplomatic messages and bringing computers to a standstill.

A total of one million low-paid workers 10 days ago agreed to accept a nine per cent pay rise after a long drawn out dispute during which schools closed and refuse littered the streets.

Brittany suffered heavy pollution after the 1967 Torrey Canyon disaster off southwest England, and two tankers — The Greek-owned Olympic Bravery and the East German Bohlen — wrecked off Finistere in the two years before the Amoco Cadiz.

Faced with the world's worst man-made pollution disaster, local communities banded

From page one

Sadat

Squads of combat-armed soldiers checked passengers in long lines of cars, buses and trucks entering Halhoul, 15 miles south of Jerusalem, on the main road through the West Bank.

The town's business section was shut down, and like the rest of the West Bank Halhoul was quiet Friday for the first time after six straight days of disturbances.

In Arab East Jerusalem, which also saw disturbances sparked by President Carter's Mideast peace mission, squads of Israeli riot police, carrying billy clubs as well as automatic rifles, patrolled the narrow lanes of the old city's quarter.

In Beirut, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Friday branded as "treason" Egypt's and Israel's agreement to U.S. peace terms and said the settlement would not work.

The PLO leader said demonstrations in the West Bank this week showed that Palestinian self-rule offered under the Egypt-Israel settlement stood rejected along with any other U.S. peace formula.

The revolution in Iran "broke out to say no" to American interests in the region," he added.

The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) rejected all American solutions for the Middle East and said President Carter would not succeed in extending U.S. influence in the area.

"You (President Carter) cannot place the oil-rich Middle East in your pocket because it is an explosive region," Arafat told a Beirut mass rally.

"We do not agree to the current settlement. We believe only in one thing — fighting," he declared. "All American solutions are rejected."

Arafat described the peace deal as "the tripartite Carter-Begin-Sadat conspiracy" and singled out President Sadat to denounce him as a traitor.

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Jordan

Meanwhile, King Hussein called on the nations of the world to show understanding and give genuine support to the Palestinian people, saying they were suffering under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza.

The king Thursday issued a statement to the press as the United Nations Security Council debated Israeli violations on the West Bank and Gaza.

The statement said that the establishment of Israeli settlements "has increased at such a scale and pace, particularly in Jerusalem and around it, that it threatens to destroy the cultural character of the occupied Arab areas and with it the basis of a just peace."

He called on the Security Council members "backed by the unanimous will of the international community, to stop the deterioration, save the occupied areas, their people and their basic human rights."

Iran

Women's Rights Committee in Paris would arrive in Tehran on Monday.

French writer Simone de Beauvoir is one of the founding members of the committee, set up earlier this week, but she is thought probably too ill to come herself.

A delegation of Iranian women is to call on the government on Tuesday to ask it to clarify its position on women's rights and the wearing of the traditional chador, Miss Millet said.

Thursday Iran sought to improve its image in the world finance community, assuring foreign creditors that all debts would be repaid in full and on time.

The Central Bank of Iran called

a news conference to try to repair some of the damage done to Iran's credit rating by the revolution.

At the same time, however, the bank announced the appointment to its supervisory council of a highly controversial left-leaning economist reported to have advocated the cancellation of Iran's multi-billion dollar foreign debt.

The bank's new governor said Abdul-Hassan Bani-Sadr and a clergyman, Akbar Hashem Rafsanjani, had been named to the council, but officials stressed that neither would be able to sway the institution's policies.

Bani-Sadr is considered one of the main influences on the economic thinking of Khomeini.

S. Yemen

Congress should not have a chance to review this decision," Aspin said.

Panetta said Congress should at least insist on a "full and complete justification" of Carter's position that the weapons shipment is needed on an emergency basis.

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ALIAN WA SAHLAN: Queen Sophia, wife of King Juan Carlos of Spain, (left) welcomes Mrs. Carmen Romano de Portillo, wife of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo at the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid. The royal couple gave a private dinner for the president and his wife during their recent visit. (AP photo)

Anglo-Saxon attitudes

By Jihad Al-Khazen

The recent reports of Britain trying to wrench recognition from European Economic Community for the Palestine Liberation Organization coincided with President Carter's attempt to impose peace he wants on the Middle East.

The Arabs usually criticize the British for carelessness and bureaucracy when compared with America's haste and energy. But it seems that it is sometimes better to be slow than to be wrong.

In 1974, I went to Washington to interview William Simon, then treasury secretary. My newspaper in Beirut had secured appointment after an exchange of letters.

When I arrived in Washington I did not contact anyone but directly to the Treasury Department. I was met there by a police to whom I explained that I had an appointment with the secretary, told me to go up to the first floor and to walk to the end of corridor.

I did, and was met this time by another policeman whom I told I had an appointment with Mr. Simon. He automatically replied: "I must be Mr. Khazen. He showed me into another room where I received by a secretary, who immediately showed me into the secretary's room and two minutes later the interview began.

The interview was about oil prices and the request of some Western states to cut crude prices after the October 1973 rises.

As the discussion grew heated, I asked Simon, with whom I was alone in the office, about the Shah of Iran. He shouted: "That is biting the hand that feeds him. He forgets that it is we who him and we can break him, the...!"

I was astounded. A moment later he told me that that state was not for publication.

I asked him why he trusted that I would not publish it. And who did!

He told me that if I did, he would automatically deny it; besides did not have a recorder on me.

This incident reinforced my conviction that an American, even if he is bitting the hand that feeds him, he forgets that it is we who him and we can break him.

A British minister of Middle East affairs is nothing to interfere with compared with a statement by the U.S. secretary of the treasury on his country and the economics of oil, but Ennals was surrounded by two sides with their files, helping him in every reply.

There were also two secretaries writing down every word that uttered. Perhaps the minutes will show how many lumps of sugar put in my coffee.

After the interview, the minister asked to see the interview he was published. As I was leaving for home the next day I sat at a table beside one of the two secretaries, wrote down the interview showed it to him, and debated with him everyone of my comment whatever he had said.

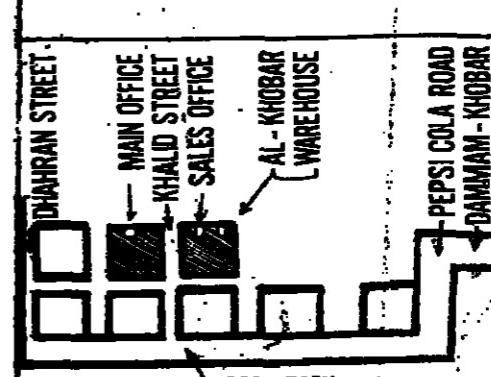
I remember that when I told the story to my colleagues in Beirut expressed my admiration for the openness of the Americans and anger with the conservatism and wickedness of the English.

It seems now that I was wrong. The events of last week and be them those of Iran, and the state of affairs in the Middle East, it me reconsider the principle of random behavior in international relations, especially that not all people are cowboys.

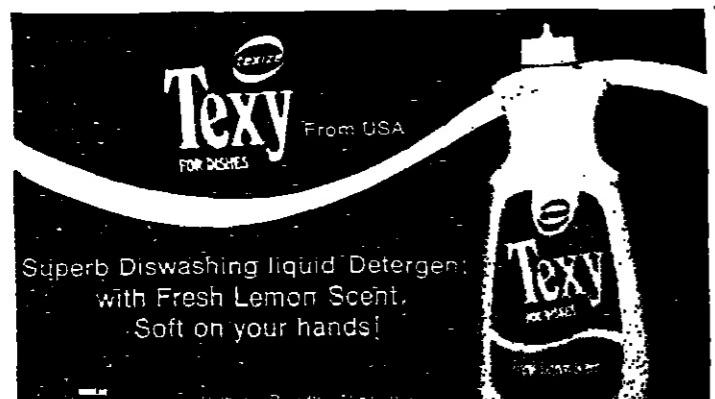
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